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**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION OF PORTESSIE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL  
CARE)**

## **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite the Committee to scrutinise and note the outcomes of the recently published report on a Moray school following inspection by Education Scotland.
- 1.1 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (D) (1) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to all the functions of the Council as Education Authority.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee scrutinises and notes the content of this report.**

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 When a school is inspected by Education Scotland a report is published (by Education Scotland) which gives commentary on the school's performance. These reports are presented regularly to this Committee, where possible at the first available opportunity after publication.
- 3.2 In March 2018, Education Scotland inspected Portessie Primary School using the Full Inspection Visit Model.
- 3.3 The aim of the full inspection visit was to validate the four QIs 1.3, 2.3, 3.2 and 3.1 from the How Good Is Our School 4? (HGIOS4) quality framework.

HGIOS 4      QI 1.3 Leadership of Change  
                  QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment  
                  QI 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement  
                  QI 3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion

The first three of these QIs feed directly into the evidence base for the National Improvement Framework.

Inspectors also included the Learning Pathways theme from QI 2.2 Curriculum and referred to QI 2.7 Partnerships in evaluating the impact of parental engagement. A further QI was chosen by the school, in the case of Portessie Primary School it was QI 2.6 Transitions. The inspectors had a focus on safeguarding as is the case in every inspection. These were not graded.

- 3.4 The inspection findings indicated that Portessie Primary School has the capacity to continue to improve and Education Scotland will make no more visits in connection with this inspection.
- 3.5 The summary of the inspection report is contained in **Appendix 1**. The original inspection report and summary of inspection findings can be viewed at:

<https://education.gov.scot/assets/inspectionreports/portessieprimaryschoolins190618.pdf>

<https://education.gov.scot/assets/inspectionreports/portessieprimaryschoolsif190618.pdf>

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))**

The report was informed by the priorities within the Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan and in particular to Ambitious and Confident Young People and A Growing and Diverse Economy.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

This report relates to Section 66 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, which concerns the inspection of educational establishments.

**(c) Financial implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**(d) Risk Implications**

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

**(e) Staffing Implications**

There are no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

**(f) Property**

None are property implications arising directly from this report...

**(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**

An Equality/Socio Economic Impact Assessment is not required as this report is to inform Committee on performance.

**(h) Consultations**

Senior Officers in Education and Social Care, Principal Accountant, Legal Services Manager (Litigation and Licensing), Equal Opportunities Officer, Human Resources Manager, Alison Vass, Headteacher and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report as regards their respective responsibilities.

**5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1 That Committee scrutinises and notes the contents of this report.**

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Background papers:

Ref:

<https://education.gov.scot/assets/inspectionreports/portessieprimaryschoolins19061.pdf>

<https://education.gov.scot/assets/inspectionreports/portessieprimaryschoolsif1906.pdf>