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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education and Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>3 September 2019</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Further Update on Admissions and Placing Requests for academic year 2019/20</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Education and Communities Committee on the admissions and school placing requests for the academic year 2019/20, in particular the recent appeal to the sheriff court by three families against Inverclyde Council's refusal of a placing request to St Columba's High School.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 In August 2019, appeals against the Council's decision to refuse placing requests at St Columba's High School were heard at the Sheriff Court. Three appeals were taken to the Sheriff Court.
- 2.2 The decision of the Sheriff was to uphold the position of the Council to refuse the placing requests.
- 2.3 To date, St Columba's has been able to meet the requirements of those within its catchment area who wish to attend the school and to allocate placing requests where there has been space.
- 2.4 Officers propose to undertake work to look at options to alleviate any future pressures on the Inverclyde Learning Estate and to bring a further report back to the Education and Communities Committee on possible options.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Education and Communities Committee is asked to:
- Note the outcome of the recent appeal process in the Sheriff Court
  - Agree that a further report be brought back to the Education and Communities Committee on any future pressures on the Inverclyde Learning Estate.
  - Note that a letter will be sent to all parents of pupils in P7 reminding them of arrangements for transition into secondary school.

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