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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education &amp; Lifelong Learning Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b> 25 January 2011
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>School Leaver Destination Results 2010</b>	

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information relating to the Annual release of School Leaver Destination Results, which were made available on 01 December 2010.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Skills Development Scotland (SDS) supplies information on the destinations of school leavers (SLDR) to the Scottish Government's Education Analytical Services Division. The return is based on a follow up of young people who left school between 01 August 2009 and 31 July 2010.
- 2.2 The follow up exercise was undertaken in September 2010, and is therefore a snapshot of each individual school leaver's status from that time. Status may change and because of this, a further follow up will be undertaken in March 2011 to determine the sustainability of the immediate post-school destinations.
- 2.3 In 2009's SLDR, 89.9% of young people progressed into positive destinations. The figure for 2010 has fallen slightly to 89.1% (a drop of 0.8%).
- 2.4 Of the 939 school leavers during 2009/10, only 15 of them fall into the 'Unemployed Not Seeking' category. These young people are known to SDS staff and continue to be supported, monitored and tracked by SDS.
- 2.5 Inverclyde is ranked 8th in terms of levels of positive destinations across Scotland's 32 Authorities. Further to this, we have the 5th highest levels of positive destinations in Scotland's mainland authorities, with only East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Moray and Aberdeenshire achieving higher percentages in the last academic session. A "league table" of relative performance by all Local Authorities since 2003 can be found in **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 2.6 The Scottish average for positive destinations is 86.8%. 2010 is therefore the first year in which Inverclyde has bettered the national average since Inverclyde was categorised as one of Scotland's seven "NEET Hotspots" in 2003. At that time, 11 authorities sat in the gap between the national average and Inverclyde's poorer performance.
- 2.7 The actual number of school leavers this year has risen by 78 from last year. It is, however, important to recognise that an increase in the number of school leavers is likely to impact on the availability and uptake of suitable opportunities, especially those which are available in the local area. Training uptake is stable, when considering numbers, but has fallen as a percentage of the destinations. This is because we have the same level of provision but a

larger cohort of school leavers hoping to participate in the provision.

- 2.8 It should also be noted that Inverclyde's 2010 SLDR statistics show no "unknown" young people. This means that all school leavers are known to SDS, who will now continue to track them to ensure that their destinations have been sustained, and to provide further support if this is not the case.
- 2.9 In addition to this, SDS continues to work with and support those young people who, although they are known within the authority, have yet to move into a positive destination.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That Committee note the contents of this report.

**Albert Henderson**  
**Corporate Director Education & Communities**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This is the second publication of SLDR's which reflects the effects of the current recession. Nationally, it is expected that fewer labour market opportunities might be expected to lead to greater demand for places in Higher and Further Education, or indeed to increased numbers of pupils staying on at school, and to lower proportions entering employment.
- 4.2 This has not been the case in Inverclyde, where employment as a destination has gone up in both numbers and percentage. This is encouraging in the current economic climate, and it will be interesting to note the level of sustainability of employment opportunities that is recorded during the follow up exercise early in 2011.
- 4.3 When considering HE / FE destination levels, it should be noted that, for Inverclyde's young people, the percentage progressing into HE has traditionally been higher than FE. This year, the two are all but equal.
- 4.4 Five of our seven secondary schools are still in the 90%'s and high 80%'s for their levels of positive destinations. St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School are 77% and 82.5% respectively. It should be noted that these schools also have the lowest numbers of school leavers. Having a smaller cohort means that a small change in numbers can have a significant change in percentage.
- 4.5 Inverclyde is ranked 8th in terms of levels of positive destinations across Scotland's 32 Authorities. Further to this, we have the 5th highest levels of positive destinations in Scotland's mainland authorities, with only East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Moray and Aberdeenshire achieving higher percentages in the last academic session. A "league table" of relative performance by all Local Authorities since 2003 can be found in **Appendix 1** to this report. Appx 1
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## 5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 This report is submitted to committee as an update on Inverclyde's current position in this National Indicator, which not only informs the Employability Agenda locally, but which is also used as an indicator of the success of Curriculum for Excellence in the Senior Phase, and the delivery of 16+ Learning Choices.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Finance

There are no known financial issues.

### 6.2 Legal

There are no known legal issues

### 6.3 Human Resources

There are no known HR issues.

### 6.4 Equalities

There are no known equality issues.

## **7.0 CONCLUSION**

7.1 Schools, Skills Development Scotland, and all partners have worked effectively to ensure that all School Leavers are being supported in their transition from educational establishments. The figures presented for SLDR's are very positive in the context of the current economic climate.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 Appendix 1 – Scotland's SLDR League Table (2003-2010)

## Appendix 1: SLDR League Tables 2003-2010

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010
Clackmannanshire	17.2%	Clackmannanshire	13.3%	East Ayrshire	13.9%	East Ayrshire	12.9%	North Ayrshire	11.2%	West Dunbartonshire	13.0%	North Ayrshire	13.9%	Edinburgh	17.5%
<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	West Dunbartonshire	12.1%	West Dunbartonshire	12.8%	West Dunbartonshire	11.2%	Clackmannanshire	12.9%	West Dunbartonshire	13.5%	Midlothian	16.9%
East Ayrshire	14.6%	East Ayrshire	13.1%	North Ayrshire	11.6%	North Ayrshire	12.8%	Clackmannanshire	11.2%	North Ayrshire	12.0%	East Ayrshire	13.1%	Dundee	16.8%
Falkirk	13.7%	North Ayrshire	12.9%	West Lothian	11.2%	Clackmannanshire	12.4%	West Lothian	10.6%	East Ayrshire	11.7%	Clackmannanshire	12.8%	West Lothian	15.9%
North Ayrshire	13.6%	West Dunbartonshire	12.8%	Clackmannanshire	10.9%	Dundee	11.3%	East Ayrshire	10.6%	West Lothian	11.2%	Midlothian	12.8%	Glasgow	15.9%
Dundee	13.4%	South Ayrshire	12.4%	Dundee	10.6%	Glasgow	10.5%	North Lanarkshire	9.5%	Dundee	11.1%	North Lanarkshire	12.5%	Falkirk	15.8%
North Lanarkshire	12.9%	Glasgow	12.3%	<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	West Lothian	10.4%	Glasgow	9.4%	Midlothian	10.8%	Dundee	12.1%	North Ayrshire	14.5%
Glasgow	12.4%	Falkirk	12.2%	Glasgow	10.4%	Midlothian	10.3%	Dundee	9.4%	North Lanarkshire	10.3%	West Lothian	12.0%	Stirling	14.4%
Fife	12.3%	North Lanarkshire	12.2%	South Ayrshire	10.2%	South Ayrshire	10.1%	Renfrewshire	9.0%	Glasgow	10.3%	Glasgow	11.9%	Aberdeen	14.4%
West Dunbartonshire	12.1%	Renfrewshire	11.5%	Falkirk	10.2%	<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	Midlothian	8.9%	Renfrewshire	10.1%	Renfrewshire	11.5%	North Lanarkshire	14.3%
Renfrewshire	11.9%	Dundee	11.4%	North Lanarkshire	10.1%	North Lanarkshire	9.7%	<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	Fife	9.6%	Falkirk	11.0%	East Lothian	13.9%
West Lothian	11.6%	Fife	11.2%	Midlothian	10.0%	Renfrewshire	9.6%	Fife	8.7%	South Ayrshire	9.6%	South Ayrshire	10.7%	South Lanarkshire	13.8%
South Ayrshire	11.0%	West Lothian	10.6%	Dumfries & Galloway	9.9%	Angus	6.5%	South Ayrshire	8.7%	Falkirk	9.5%	South Lanarkshire	10.6%	Fife	13.4%
East Lothian	11.0%	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	Moray	9.8%	Dumfries & Galloway	9.4%	Falkirk	8.4%	<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	Fife	10.3%	Highland	13.3%
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	Highland	10.0%	East Lothian	9.7%	Falkirk	9.3%	Angus	8.1%	Dumfries & Galloway	9.2%	<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
Angus	10.7%	Angus	9.8%	Renfrewshire	9.6%	East Lothian	9.3%	Dumfries & Galloway	8.1%	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	South Ayrshire	12.6%
South Lanarkshire	10.1%	Dumfries & Galloway	9.5%	Highland	9.6%	Fife	9.2%	Argyll & Bute	8.0%	South Lanarkshire	8.7%	Angus	9.9%	Dumfries & Galloway	12.3%
Midlothian	9.9%	Aberdeen	9.4%	Fife	9.2%	Moray	9.1%	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	East Lothian	8.5%	Highland	9.6%	Argyll & Bute	12.2%
Highland	9.6%	South Lanarkshire	9.2%	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	South Lanarkshire	7.5%	Scottish Borders	8.5%	Dumfries & Galloway	9.0%	Clackmannanshire	12.1%
Dumfries & Galloway	9.6%	Moray	9.1%	South Lanarkshire	8.8%	South Lanarkshire	8.6%	Moray	7.4%	Highland	7.9%	East Lothian	9.0%	West Dunbartonshire	11.9%
Aberdeen	6.5%	East Lothian	8.7%	Angus	8.3%	Argyll & Bute	8.5%	East Lothian	7.2%	Argyll & Bute	7.9%	Scottish Borders	8.8%	Scottish Borders	11.7%
Argyll & Bute	8.6%	Midlothian	8.4%	Edinburgh	8.3%	Highland	8.1%	Highland	6.9%	Moray	7.7%	Moray	8.3%	Angus	11.7%
Stirling	8.5%	East Renfrewshire	8.2%	Orkney	7.7%	Scottish Borders	7.5%	Edinburgh	6.7%	Angus	7.5%	Edinburgh	8.3%	East Ayrshire	11.6%
Moray	8.4%	Scottish Borders	8.0%	Scottish Borders	7.6%	Edinburgh	7.4%	Scottish Borders	6.0%	Edinburgh	7.4%	Argyll & Bute	8.1%	Perth & Kinross	11.5%
Edinburgh	8.4%	Stirling	7.7%	Stirling	7.6%	Aberdeen	6.8%	Eilean Siar	5.7%	Stirling	6.7%	Aberdeen	7.1%	Renfrewshire	11.2%
Perth & Kinross	7.5%	Argyll & Bute	7.5%	Argyll & Bute	7.3%	Perth & Kinross	6.5%	Aberdeen	5.7%	Aberdeen	6.5%	Eilean Siar	6.8%	<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
Aberdeenshire	7.3%	Shetland	7.5%	Aberdeen	6.9%	Orkney	6.2%	Perth & Kinross	5.5%	Orkney	6.0%	East Dunbartonshire	6.6%	Shetland	9.4%
Scottish Borders	7.2%	Edinburgh	7.4%	Shetland	6.8%	Eilean Siar	5.7%	Shetland	5.5%	Perth & Kinross	5.7%	Stirling	6.4%	Moray	9.1%
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Orkney	6.9%	Aberdeenshire	7.2%	Aberdeenshire	5.6%	Shetland	5.5%	Orkney	5.0%	Shetland	5.3%	East Renfrewshire	5.5%	East Dunbartonshire	8.0%
East Renfrewshire	6.5%	East Dunbartonshire	6.3%	East Dunbartonshire	5.6%	East Dunbartonshire	5.4%	Aberdeenshire	4.7%	East Dunbartonshire	5.3%	Aberdeenshire	5.3%	Orkney	6.1%
Shetland	4.7%	Orkney	6.3%	East Renfrewshire	5.2%	Aberdeenshire	5.2%	East Renfrewshire	4.1%	Aberdeenshire	4.5%	Shetland	5.2%	Eilean Siar	5.7%
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