

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education and Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>7 May 2013</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; OD</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>EDUCOM/55/13</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Governance Report – Ardfern</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Committee on the governance arrangements and outcomes for Ardfern

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Policy and Resources Committee agreed in May 2011 to introduce a process to ensure that the Council fulfils its responsibilities towards external organisations effectively.
- 2.2 During the financial year 2012 /13 there were two services which provide educational day provision on the Council's Governance list, one of which is Ardfern; the other is monitored through the CHCP
- 2.3 The governance requirements for this organisation are detailed in the report.
- 2.4 Some of the governance requirements for this organisation have been met in this reporting period.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Education and Communities Committee note the governance report.

**Albert Henderson**  
**Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development**

#### 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Policy and Resources Committee agreed in May 2011 to introduce a process to ensure that the Council fulfils its responsibilities towards external organisations effectively.
- 4.2 In line with the Council's Governance risk matrix the oversight arrangements for Ardfern are detailed in the table below:

Provider	Governance Arrangements		
	Annual accounts received and reviewed by Council	Documented Meetings	Annual Report Submitted to Corporate Director
Ardfern	Not in place	Yes	Not in place

- 4.3 Ardfern continues to be used as an educational provision for 5 young people from Inverclyde

#### 5.0 FUNDING DATA

- 5.1 The funding allocated to the services in financial year 2012 / 13 is detailed in the table below:

ESTABLISHMENT	NUMBER OF COMMISSIONED PLACES	FUNDING 2012 / 13
Ardfern	5	£87460

#### 6.0 QUALITY OF SERVICES

- 6.1 A key focus of the governance process is quality of services. This is monitored through various levels of scrutiny including HMIE data; Standard and Quality Reporting and governance visits, as well as regular case reviews for individual children and young people personnel from Inverclyde Education Services. All young people who attend Ardfern have a Coordinated Support Plan, overseen and updated on an annual basis by Inverclyde Educational Psychology Service.

- 6.2 The qualitative data for establishments are detailed in the table below:

Establishment	HMIE				
	Improvements in performance	Children's experiences	Meeting learning needs	The curriculum	Improvement through self-evaluation
Ardfern	Good	Very Good	Very Good	Good	Good

- 6.3 The data gathered through scrutiny have not identify any issues:
- 6.4 There are no concerns over grades allocated by Her Majesty's Inspectorate.

## **7.0 COMPLIANCE**

- 7.1 As yet the annual accounts for Ardfern have not been requested by Education Services however this will now be undertaken
- 7.2 Within this reporting period, one governance meeting has taken place with Ardfern.
- 7.3 The annual report to the Corporate Director will be completed in June 2013.

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Financial  
There are no financial issues arising from this report.
- 8.2 Personnel  
There are no personnel issues arising from this report.
- 8.3 Equalities  
The equalities process is embedded within the Governance process.

## **9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 None