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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education &amp; Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 January 2016</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director: Education, Communities and OD</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>EDUCOM/01/16/MP</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Items for Noting</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to keep the Committee apprised of matters which fall within its remit for information purposes.

## 2.0 SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY STAR AWARD

- 2.1 The Community Learning and Development (CLD) Service was named Lifelong Learning Centre of the Year at the 2015 Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) Star Awards in Edinburgh on 20 November.
- 2.2 The CLD Service Adult Learning and Literacies Team works in partnership with the SQA to provide accredited learning opportunities to over 300 adults in Inverclyde each year. The adult learners dictate the pace at which they work towards the qualifications, and there are no exams. This CLD model makes qualifications accessible to all learners, especially the 12% of working age adults in Inverclyde who do not have any formal qualifications. Achieving these qualifications has enabled many of the learners to secure employment and progress to further learning opportunities.
- 2.3 The SQA Star Awards are unique, recognising both the individuals who work towards and the organisations that deliver SQA qualifications, rewarding those that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to learning. The ceremony also recognised the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scottish Vocational Qualifications and the contribution they have made to education and training across the country.

## 3.0 INVERCLYDE'S YOUNG PEOPLE WIN BRITISH RED CROSS HUMANITARIAN CITIZEN AWARD

- 3.1 A group of Inverclyde's young people involved in peer education activities as part of the No Knives Better Lives Campaign were awarded a British Red Cross Humanitarian Award at a ceremony in Westminster Palace on 24 November 2015. The 10 young people were the category winners of the Community Action Award and the overall winners of the Humanitarian Citizen Awards 2015.
- 3.2 The annual British Red Cross Humanitarian Citizen Awards celebrate these extraordinary young people aged 25 and under. Every day young people are making huge differences to other people's lives across the UK. They are giving first aid, befriending vulnerable people, fundraising and campaigning for good causes.

There are four categories within this awards scheme: Fundraising, First Aid, Community Action, Volunteering and an overall winner for the Humanitarian Citizen Award 2015.

- 3.3 Supported by the CLD Service Youth Work Team, the young people have:
- Delivered workshops locally to 87 young people (aged 13 to 24 years)
  - Delivered a workshop to a national conference of peer educators
  - Been invited to assist the Scottish government in a 6 month research project on knife crime in Scotland.
  - Working in Partnership with other Local Authorities and Youthlink Scotland.

## 4.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

4.1 None

#### Financial Implications:

##### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

##### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

### Legal

4.2 None.

### Human Resources

4.3 None.

### Equalities

4.4 None.

### Repopulation

4.5 None.

## 5.0 CONSULTATIONS

5.1 Not applicable

## 6.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Not applicable.