
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	6 September 2016
Report By:	Corporate Director: Education Communities and Organisational Development	Report No:	EDUCOM/55/16/HS
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Subject:	Duke of Edinburgh Award in Inverclyde		

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- 1.1 Update the Committee on the successes and achievements of the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) in Inverclyde;
- 1.2 Formally thank the Inverclyde DofE Support group for all their hard work in support of the Award;
- 1.3 Invite the Committee to accept the renewed licence for the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh Award on behalf of Inverclyde Council.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Participation in and achievement of the DofE Award by young people in Inverclyde has increased year on year. The Authority has been advised by DoE that our participation rate per head of population (aged 14-24) along with our completion rate keep Inverclyde among the top 5 authorities in Scotland. There are currently 560 young people registered for DofE with 218 achieving a full award in the last year.
- 2.2 These high levels of participation and completion could not have been achieved or sustained without the unstinting support of the Inverclyde DofE Support Group.
- 2.3 The Duke of Edinburgh operating licence is reviewed annually and renewed every 5 years. Following 5 years of successful operation by the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Service, Inverclyde Council's licence has been renewed and the Committee is invited to accept this on behalf of the Council.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 3.1 Note the recent successes and achievements of the DofE in Inverclyde;
- 3.2 Formally record their thanks to the Inverclyde DoE Support Group;
- 3.3 Accept the 5 year licence to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award on behalf of Inverclyde Council.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The DofE is a personal development award for young people aged 14 to 25 years. It has 4 levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Over the 5 year period of the licence, participation in and achievement of the DofE Award by young people in Inverclyde have increased year on year. The Authority has been advised by DoE that our participation rate per head of population (aged 14-24), along with our completion rate keeps Inverclyde among the top 5 authorities in Scotland. There are currently 560 young people registered for DofE with 218 achieving a full award in the last year – 155 Bronze Awards, 40 Silver Awards and 23 Gold Awards.
- 4.2 The DoE is delivered by the CLD Service in partnership with all of Inverclyde's Secondary Schools, including Craigmarnoch. It is now delivered as part of the curriculum (S3 choices) in a number of schools. The eDofE means of registering and recording progress on line is now in place for all Inverclyde participants.

The success of the award in Inverclyde and the high levels of participation and completion could not have been achieved or sustained without the unstinting support of the Inverclyde DofE Support Group. Their support is invaluable and, although there have been other opportunities to express gratitude for their hard work, it is considered appropriate to formally record this appreciation alongside the renewal of the license.

- 4.3 The Duke of Edinburgh operating licence is reviewed annually to ensure that the operating authority is maintaining the quality and values associated with the Award. The licence is renewed every 5 years following satisfactory operation of the Award.

The Corporate Director Education, Communities & OD is the named Operating Licence holder for the delivery of the DofE Award on behalf of Inverclyde Council. The CLD Service is responsible for the management and administration of the Award and for ensuring a high quality learning experience for young people.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 None within this report.

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	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
CLD	Other Expenditure	2016/17	£1200		Annual Fee will be contained within Existing Budget

Legal

5.2 None.

Human Resources

5.3 None.

Equalities

5.4 None.

Repopulation

5.5 None.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 Not applicable.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.