

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019

Report by Director of Education

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF HILLVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IN ADDRESSING AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT FROM EDUCATION SCOTLAND  
REPORT

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To inform members of progress made in Hillview Primary School in addressing the recommendations from the report by Education Scotland published in February 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. Elected members are asked to note and comment on the progress made by Hillview Primary School in addressing the recommendations made in the inspection report by Education Scotland.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Education Scotland inspected Hillview Primary School, then known as Springhill and Auchenback Primary School in December 2016, with the resulting report published in February 2017.

4. This was the first East Renfrewshire establishment to be inspected under the new self-evaluation framework; under the new arrangements Education Scotland evaluate four quality indicators and provide a short report which details the strengths and areas for improvement.

5. In assessing the indicators of quality in the school Education Scotland found three aspects of the work to be satisfactory, i.e. Leadership of change, Learning, teaching and assessment and Raising attainment and achievement. Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion was judged to be good. The report is available on the Education Scotland website (a link is included below).

6. The report and action plan were the subject of a paper to Education Committee in March 2017 and elected members asked that an interim report on the school's progress be brought for consideration of progress within 12 months, i.e. by March 2018.

7. Elected members will recall that in June 2017 Education Committee agreed that the name of the school be changed from Springhill and Auchenback to Hillview Primary School.

8. Elected members considered the follow-through report in February 2018. Overall the school had made a promising start in meeting the recommendations from the Education Scotland report.

9. The Director of Education agreed to carry out a further follow-through review of Hillview Primary School within 12 months and report its findings to Education Committee.

## REPORT

10. The Quality Improvement Team has worked closely with the school to implement the action plan approved by elected members in March 2017 and the recommendations set out in the follow-through report. In particular the link quality improvement officer has supported the Head Teacher, depute head teacher and teaching staff to take the school forward.

11. A follow-through review was carried out by members of the Quality Improvement Team and two primary Head Teachers in January 2019.

12. All the activities set out in the action plan had been overtaken and were having a positive impact on experiences and outcomes for children.

13. The following key strengths were highlighted:

- Children were proud of their school, behaved well and were engaged in their learning.
- The strengthened senior leadership team had accelerated the pace of change across the school through empowering staff to achieve the school's shared vision.
- Staff commitment to work together and learn from each other to improve outcomes and raise attainment for all learners.
- Improvements in learning and teaching, including the successful implementation of playful pedagogy.

14. The department is pleased that from 2016-17 to 2017-18 there was a significant improvement in the Curriculum for Excellence levels; the 2017-18 performance was the highest to date in all four curricular areas.

15. Overall the school has now made good progress in meeting the recommendations from the Education Scotland report and the subsequent follow-through of November 2017; very good progress had been made in relation to the leadership of change.

16. The review team did identify a small number of areas for development; these will be addressed through the school's improvement plan for session 2019-20. The school will continue to be supported and challenged by the Quality Improvement Team to ensure continuous improvement.

17. The school will report on its progress with the improvement plan and the impact made in bringing about further improvement through its annual Standards and Quality Report.

18. The Director of Education is confident that the Head Teacher and school staff will continue to improve the attainment and experiences of the pupils in Hillview.

## FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

19. The school will meet any costs associated with its improvement plan from within its own devolved resources.

## RECOMMENDATION

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28 March 2019

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### Background papers

Education Scotland Report on Springhill and Auchenback Primary School

<https://education.gov.scot/assets/inspectionreports/springhillandauchenbackpsins070217.pdf>

Name Change for Springhill and Auchenback Primary School Barrhead

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=20406&p=0>

Follow-through report to Education Scotland Inspection – November 2017

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=21765&p=0>

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