

## Positive Destinations

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### Education Children and Families Committee

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#### Purpose of report

- 1 To inform members of City of Edinburgh's progress towards improving school leaver destinations based on the annual census carried out by Skills Development Scotland in September – October 2010.

#### Main report

- 2 Skills Development Scotland reports on the destinations of school leavers to the Scottish Government twice yearly. The report for 2009 - 10 is based on a snapshot of activity in September and October 2010 for the cohort of young people who left school in December 2009 and May 2010. The same youngsters will be followed up in March 2011 and their destinations recorded to monitor sustainability and drop off rates.
- 3 There was an overall improvement of 0.2% in positive destinations for school leavers from CEC's 23 publicly funded secondary schools. There was a slight fall of 32 in the total number of school leavers compared to the previous year equating to 0.1%.
- 4 Overall 82.5% of school leavers in Edinburgh entered a positive destination compared to a national average of 86.8%.
- 5 In comparison to 2008-09 the percentage entering higher education increased slightly to 36.8%, a rise of 1.6%. This rise means that CEC has the 12<sup>th</sup> highest level of leavers entering HE in Scotland. The three year trend is up.
- 6 The percentage of leavers entering further education has remained static at 25.2% which is around 2% lower than the national average and leaves the authority 20<sup>th</sup> out of 32 authorities. The three year upward trend has levelled.
- 7 The percentage of leavers entering training has decreased slightly in 2009 -10 to 3.5% against a national average of 5.2% and a figure of 10.3% in Glasgow. Over three years there is no discernable trend as the figures fluctuate and remain low.
- 8 The percentage of school leavers entering employment has fallen from 17.9% in 2008 -09 to 16.4% which is the lowest percentage recorded in a decade and is less than half of the figure for 2000 -01. The three year trend is a steep decline.

- 9 The percentage of leavers 'unemployed seeking' at the time of the census in September 2010 was 15.8% which was 4.5% higher than the national average and equates to 538 young people. The three year trend shows a slight increase.
- 10 Outcomes for school leavers who are, or have been, looked after compared to the previous year improved slightly for HE and substantially for FE but were poorer for training and employment. Tracking, monitoring and support is however stronger for this year's cohort and longer term outcomes should be better for individuals.
- 11 The majority of school pupils are choosing to remain at school past their statutory leaving date (76%) and this has a positive impact on their progression to a positive destination post school (89%).
- 12 Almost half (48%) of unemployed seeking leavers had qualifications at credit level standard grade or above.
- 13 Schools' performance in demonstrating an improvement in positive destinations on the previous year was uneven:
  - 13 of the 23 secondary schools showed an increase in positive destinations.
  - 10 schools had a decrease in positive destinations.
  - Of these showing a decrease five schools showed a significant decrease.
- 14 A range of measures have been put in place at school and post school level to ensure that young people are better prepared to move into positive destinations. Children & Families, together with City Development, work closely with a range of partners to increase opportunities in training, further education and employment.

#### For Schools:

- Continued implementation of 16+ Learning Choices for all schools to ensure that all leavers are supported and those needing most support are identified and targeted at an early stage
- Planning for the Senior Phase of Curriculum for Excellence to ensure increased opportunities for young people to have personalisation and choice.
- Continuous review of processes and progress towards improvement working with Quality Improvement officers and Skills Development Scotland.

#### Post School:

- Children and Families and City Development have a shared focus with local and national partners to reverse the negative trend and increase training, college and employment opportunities
- City of Edinburgh Council has a strategic agreement in place with Skills Development Scotland which will enable joint planning and solutions

- Edinburgh's Community Planning Partnership will have representation on Skills Development Scotland's National Advisory Group for national training
- There is increased joint working on targeting looked after children for employment focused support
- the Review of Locally Funded Employability Services seeks to take a strategic approach to services, reducing fragmentation, increasing clarity of offer and outcomes and impacts achieved
- The 'Caselink' (cross organisational) client management system will enable the Employability and Skills Team to quantify outcomes, churn and inform continuous improvement
- The ongoing development of the Get On hub (one stop shop) concept within employability will further improve the access to services over the next two years

### **Financial Implications**

15 None

### **Environmental Impact**

16 None

### **Recommendations**

- 17 It is recommended that Committee:
- a) Notes this report;
  - b) Requests a further report on progress in improving positive destinations from the Director of Children and Families and Director of City Development when the follow up School Leaver Destination Report is available in June 2011.

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Wards affected

Single Outcome Agreement

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Background  
Papers

Appendix 1

**Destinations of Leavers from Edinburgh Mainstream Secondary Schools  
Breakdown and National Comparison 2006/07 - 2009/10**

	<b>City of Edinburgh</b>				<b>Scotland</b>			
	<b>2006/ 07</b>	<b>2007/ 08</b>	<b>2008/ 09</b>	<b>2009/ 10</b>	<b>2006/ 07</b>	<b>2007/ 08</b>	<b>2008/ 09</b>	<b>2009/ 10</b>
<b>Total Leavers</b>	3692	3700	3443	3411				
<b>Higher Education</b>	29.4	30.1	35.1	36.8	29.7	31.1	34.9	35.7
<b>Further Education</b>	22.1	22.7	25.2	25.2	23.3	24.8	27.0	27.1
<b>Training</b>	3.2	2.8	3.6	3.5	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.2
<b>Employed</b>	28.8	25.9	17.9	16.4	28.3	25.3	18.4	18.5
<b>Voluntary Work</b>	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
<b>Unem- ployed Seeking</b>	14.1	15.6	15.5	15.8	10.8	10.9	11.5	11.3
<b>Unem- ployed not Seeking</b>	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.3
<b>Unknown</b>	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.4	1.1	1.2	0.6
<b>% Positive</b>	83.9	81.8	82.3	82.5	86.7	86.3	85.6	86.8

Appendix 2

**School Leaver Destinations by Local Authority (comparison last two years)**

Local Authority	Total Number of Leavers	Positive Destinations		
	2009/10	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Aberdeen City	1,772	85.8	82.7	85.6
Aberdeenshire	2,745	91.6	90.1	91.4
Angus	1,301	90.0	87.3	88.3
Argyll & Bute	957	87.8	87.4	87.8
Clackmannanshire	571	86.1	85.7	87.9
Dumfries & Galloway	1,629	87.8	89.7	87.7
Dundee City	1,411	82.5	81.5	83.2
East Ayrshire	1,357	84.8	84.7	88.4
East Dunbartonshire	1,312	91.0	90.7	92.0
East Lothian	1,054	83.5	83.4	86.1
East Renfrewshire	1,318	93.0	92.9	94.5
Edinburgh City	3,411	81.9	82.3	82.5
Eilean Siar	332	93.3	88.3	94.3
Falkirk	1,547	86.7	82.1	84.2
Fife	3,979	86.2	85.7	86.6
Glasgow City	4,841	82.8	83.9	84.1
Highland	2,690	88.5	85.1	86.7
Inverclyde	939	91.3	89.9	89.1
Midlothian	950	81.4	78.4	83.1
Moray	1,062	89.5	88.2	90.9
North Ayrshire	1,438	85.9	84.5	85.5
North Lanarkshire	3,653	86.9	85.7	85.7
Orkney Islands	231	92.2	93.9	93.9
Perth & Kinross	1,428	89.0	88.6	88.5
Renfrewshire	1,886	86.5	84.7	88.8
Scottish Borders	1,250	87.0	87.4	88.3
Shetland Islands	298	92.4	91.7	90.6
South Ayrshire	1,187	86.4	88.0	87.4
South Lanarkshire	3,407	88.2	86.7	86.2
Stirling	1,062	85.2	88.0	85.6
West Dunbartonshire	999	82.5	83.0	88.1
West Lothian	1,978	80.8	81.9	84.1
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>54,097</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>86.8</b>

1. Percentages may not total 100 per cent due to rounding

2. Scotland total includes Jordanhill, Glasgow total excludes Jordanhill

Appendix 3

**Edinburgh Secondary Schools**

**Change in Positive Destinations by School (last 3 years)**

<b>School</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Wester Hailes</b>	73.0	53.0	65.1	+12.1
<b>James Gillespie's</b>	85.2	82.3	90.2	+7.9
<b>Balerno Com High</b>	90.9	86.3	92.0	+5.7
<b>Liberton High</b>	74.7	72.1	76.0	+3.9
<b>Craigroyston Com High</b>	64.5	63.3	67.0	+3.7
<b>Trinity Academy</b>	76.6	80.1	83.0	+2.9
<b>Currie Com High</b>	85.9	83.7	86.5	+2.8
<b>Gracemount High</b>	81.4	80.6	83.3	+2.7
<b>Tynecastle High</b>	79.8	74.0	76.6	+2.6
<b>St Thomas of Aquin's</b>	93.0	83.5	84.7	+1.2
<b>Castlebrae Com High</b>	58.8	67.9	69.0	+1.1
<b>The Royal High School</b>	93.7	89.8	90.6	+0.8
<b>Portobello High School</b>	84.8	88.4	89.1	+0.7
<b>Leith Academy</b>	75.8	76.7	76.6	-0.1
<b>Queensferry Com High</b>	83.5	87.6	86.8	-0.8
<b>Craigmount High</b>	85.3	88.1	87.0	-1.1
<b>Firrhill High</b>	86.6	89.7	88.3	-1.4
<b>HolyRood RC High</b>	74.9	80.6	78.6	-2.0
<b>St Augustine's High</b>	90.1	88.9	83.7	-5.2
<b>Drummond Com High</b>	80.0	72.0	66.7	-5.3
<b>Boroughmuir High</b>	86.7	91.6	84.5	-7.1
<b>Forrester High</b>	81.5	81.2	73.7	-7.5

<b>Broughton High</b>	77.6	84.1	75.0	-9.1
<b>Edinburgh</b>	82.1	82.3	82.5	+0.2