

## Launch of Edinburgh-Africa Educational Trust

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### Education, Children and Families Committee

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#### Purpose of report

1. To report that a charitable Trust has been set up to support the development of partnerships between Edinburgh schools and schools on the African continent.

#### Main report

2. It is important that young people in Scotland develop a sense of themselves as global citizens. Educational partnerships with African schools provide excellent opportunities for children in both continents to learn together and to widen their horizons.

Young people involved in such partnerships can develop a better understanding of the world and its diversity, as well as developing positive values such as tolerance and a sense of global social responsibility.

2.1. The Trust is currently developing objectives to help fulfil its aim. These include:

(i) Providing guidance and advice to schools interested in developing links. In practical terms this is likely to involve:

- Supporting the development of a database to allow schools to network and share good practice (including successful approaches to fund raising)
- Producing written guidelines on developing partnerships
- Visiting schools on request to discuss proposed partnerships
- Giving advice on grant applications to prospective external funders

(ii) Identifying and applying for suitable funding to meet the Trust's aim. This is likely to involve:

- Seeking to identify and pursue funding sources, both charitable and commercial
- As required, to organise fund raising events
- Develop application procedures and criteria for granting awards

- Take decisions on granting funds to schools
- Request reports on the use of funding allocated

These objectives are not exclusive and will be informed by feedback from schools.

2.2 Trustees are the Convenor of Education, Children and Families Committee, the Director of Children and Families, a retired HMIE inspector, a philanthropist and a retired senior education manager.

### **Financial Implications**

3. There are no financial implications. Any funds distributed through the Trust will have been raised by the Trust itself.

### **Equalities Impact**

4 There is no impact on equalities.

### **Environmental Impact**

5 There is no environmental impact.

### **Recommendations**

6 Committee is asked to note the establishment of the Trust and to request an annual report on activity of the Trust.

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Appendices	None
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Wards affected	All
Single Outcome Agreement	National Outcome 4 - Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens
Background Papers	None