

REPORT TO: Education Committee

MEETING DATE: 20 September 2016

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: East Lothian Council Education Appeals 2016

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the outcome of East Lothian Council's Education Appeals in 2016.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the outcome of the Education Appeals.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Education Appeals Committee heard 12 appeals against the refusal of Placing Requests by the Education Authority at 3 hearings held in May and June 2016. The Committee agreed to uphold the Education Authority's decision in respect of 8 appeals and overturned the Authority's decision in respect of 1 appeal.
- 3.2 The remaining 3 appeals were adjourned following a request by the Committee that consideration be given to compositing the P1 and P2 class. The Education Authority, in conjunction with the Head Teacher of the Primary School, considered the Committee's request and the potential impact on the school as a whole. Since the decision was taken on placing requests at the Education Committee's meeting on 8 March 2016, 21 more pupils were expected to take up places throughout that particular Primary School from August 2016. Taking account of this, the Education Authority and the Head Teacher agreed with compositing at the P1/P2 stage. As a result the Authority was able to accommodate the 3 out of catchment placing requests and maintain the 6 reserved places at P1 and P2.
- 3.3 The Education Appeals Committee also heard 2 appeals against temporary exclusions from school at hearings in January and April 2016. The Committee agreed to confirm the Education Authority's decision in

respect of 1 appeal and to overturn the Authority's decision in respect of the other appeal.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – None.

6.2 Personnel - None.

6.3 Other – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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