

EE43. Report on Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) Attainment in Falkirk in 2015/2016

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services advising on the attainment of young people leaving Falkirk Council's secondary schools in 2015/16.

The report provided information on Falkirk Schools' pupil attainment for the past 5 years in:-

- school leaver destinations – % in a positive destination;
- attainment in literacy;
- attainment in numeracy;
- average tariff points of lowest, middle and highest attaining school leavers; and
- attainment of 3 or 5 Highers.

The report provided context for the information and an analysis of each set of data compared to the national average and a virtual comparator (made up of pupils from other Local Authorities who have the same characteristics as pupils in Falkirk Council schools).

In regard to closing the attainment gap, the report presented the average points of Falkirk Council's school leavers compared with the national average, broken down by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) decile in which they live.

Decision

The Education Executive:-

- (1) noted Falkirk Council secondary schools' attainment results; and**
- (2) agreed that officers will work with the Quality Improvement Team to support and challenge schools in relation to tracking and monitoring of pupils progress, and curriculum design.**