

## **ECYE9. Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) Attainment in Falkirk Secondary Schools (2020)**

The Education, Children and Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided information on the initial analysis of Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) attainment within Falkirk Council secondary schools in 2020. Appended to the report was analysis of outcomes for school leavers following Insight data published in February 2020. By February 2021, Insight data would take account of outcomes for school leavers and would include national and comparator authority figures. These would be reported to a meeting in the spring of 2021.

The 2020 SQA exam diet was cancelled due to the coronavirus. The figures in the report were the final results awarded by the SQA but did not take account of any pupils gaining awards following referral to the SQA's Post Results service.

At this stage, the information provided was obtained solely from the Council's management information system (SEEMIS) and detailed only passes in National 3 and 4 courses and A-C passes of graded courses within the National Qualifications framework. Figures would be updated later in the session by the Scottish Government's Insight information system and would include results from SQA unit awards, SQA and non-SQA vocational courses.

An overview of the positive progress made across a range of attainment measures, together with point of exit data, representing the totality of attainment for Falkirk's senior phase pupils in session 2018/19, was set out in an appendix to the report.

The actions and strategies which were being implemented to further improve attainment levels and performance at senior level, were also set out.

### **Decision**

**The Education, Children and Young People Executive:-**

- (1) noted the SQA attainment of Falkirk Council secondary schools;**
- (2) noted the full attainment profile of Falkirk Council school leavers and the recommendations as noted in appendix 1 to the report, and**
- (3) agreed that a report would be presented to a future meeting of the Education, Children and Young People Executive in the spring of 2021 to take account of updated and additional SQA and other attainment data.**