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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee:	Area Committee
Date:	05/11/2020
Report Title:	Golspie Associated School Group Overview
Report By:	ECO Education

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Golspie Associated School Group (ASG) and provides useful updated links to further information in relation to these schools.
- 1.2 The primary schools in this area serve around 322 pupils, with the secondary school serving 244 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolrollforecasts>

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to: scrutinise and not the content of the report.

School Information

Secondary – [Link to Golspie High webpage](#)

Primary

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/44/schools/search>

School	Link to School Webpage
Brora Primary School	Brora Primary webpage
Golspie Primary School	Golspie Primary webpage
Helmsdale Primary School	Helmsdale Primary webpage
Lairg Primary School	Lairg Primary webpage
Rogart Primary School	Rogart Primary webpage
Rosehall Primary School	Rosehall Primary webpage

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Golspie High School	Mar-19	Golspie High Inspection
Brora Primary School	Apr-10	Brora Primary Inspection
Golspie Primary School	Jun-17	Golspie Primary Inspection
Helmsdale Primary School	Jun-10	Helmsdale Primary Inspection
Lairg Primary School	Mar-20	Lairg Primary Inspection
Rogart Primary School	Aug-13	Rogart Primary Inspection
Rosehall Primary School	Aug-18	Rosehall Primary Inspection

School/Nursery Inspections

Link to Care Inspectorate website: [Find a care service](#)

Early Year Centre	Inspection Month	Quality of Care & Support	Quality of Environment	Quality of Staffing	Quality of Management & Leadership
Brora Primary Nursery	June 17	Very Good	Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Golspie Primary Nursery	Feb 18	Very Good	Very Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Golspie Playgroup	May 19	Very Good	Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Helmsdale Primary Nursery	May 18	Very Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	Good
Lairg Primary Nursery	Jun 19	Very good	Good	Not assessed	Not assessed
Rogart Primary Nursery	May 17	Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	Good

Other School Information

SCHOOL	ECO School	Travel Plan	No of Placing Requests In	No of Placing Requests in Granted	No of Placing Requests Out Granted
Golspie High School	Bronze	Yes	0	0	4
Brora Primary School	Bronze	Yes	1	1	0
Golspie Primary School	Bronze	Yes	2	2	1
Helmsdale Primary School	Silver	No	0	0	0
Lairg Primary School	Bronze	No	1	1	2
Rogart Primary School	Bronze	No	3	3	2
Rosehall Primary School	Silver	No	1	1	5

ECO School information is reported as at May 2018. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2020-21.

Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Golspie High School	25.56	7.6
Brora Primary School	6.03	4.42
Golspie Primary School	5.80	4.99
Helmsdale Primary School	3.0	2.70
Lairg Primary School	3.92	2.29
Rogart Primary School	2.90	0.49
Rosehall Primary School	1.54	0.69
Nursery	Teacher (FTE)	Total Staff (FTE)
Brora Primary Nursery	0.1	1.4
Golspie Primary Nursery	0.1	1.31
Helmsdale Primary Nursery	0.1	2.02
Lairg Primary Nursery	0.1	1.71
Rogart Primary Nursery	0.1	1.71

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2019. Please note that only certain types of teaching posts are counted here: Normal complement, Long term sick absence replacement, secondment replacement, maternity leave replacement, other replacement, temporary contract, covering a vacancy. Teachers who teach at the school but are centrally employed are excluded.

Core staffing is calculated using the Highland Staffing Model, which takes account of national agreements for P1 to P3 class sizes. As a result, all primaries in this ASG are staffed according to the model. The Primary Staffing Arrangements are currently being revised and the new Highland Staffing Model will be shared in due course.

In addition to core staffing for each school, a model will be used to provide an appropriate level of ASN cover to each school within the ASG. This model was approved at Adult and Children's Services Committee, 26th September 2012 (Item 9a). Report [ACS-33-12](#).

This session we are funding additional staffing for the ASG as follows:

- 3.6 FTE ASN teachers
- 21.2 FTE PSA staff (582.46 hours assuming FTE = 27.5)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

27	Pupils at level 3
16	Pupils at level 4

Funding

Unit Desc	ASG Costing Aug 1516.Cost Per Pupil	ASG Costing Mar 1516.Cost Per Pupil	ASG Costing Aug 1617.Cost Per Pupil	ASG Costing Mar 1617.Cost Per Pupil
Golspie H.S.	6,043	6,294	6,367	6,514
Brora P.S.	3,607	3,577	3,577	3,711
Golspie P.S.	3,439	3,770	3,730	3,968
Helmsdale P.S.	4,191	4,425	4,170	4,403
Lairg P.S.	4,458	4,274	4,060	6,117
Rogart P.S.	6,354	6,613	6,591	6,895
Rosehall P.S.	8,291	8,868	8,868	9,047
Brora N.S.	2,417	2,494	2,150	2,418
Golspie N.S.	2,298	2,538	2,343	3,747
Helmsdale N.S.	6,139	6,718	4,799	4,555
Lairg N.S.	1,773	1,798	1,178	1,230
Rogart Nursery	14,744	7,990	3,995	6,741

Members are asked to note that devolved funding is generally sufficient for school needs. Figures in () are surpluses.

Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Golspie High School	C	C	39%
Brora Primary School	B	C	45%
Golspie Primary School	C	C	64%
Helmsdale Primary School	B	C	61%
Lairg Primary School	B	C	65%
Rogart Primary School	B	B	28%
Rosehall Primary School	B	C	52%

Building suitability, condition and capacity levels are as reported on the 2020 School Estate Core Facts return.

Pupil Information

Pupil Destinations 16+

Leaver destination information is taken from the School Leaver Destination data collected by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on behalf of the Scottish Government. The most recent return is based on a follow up of young people who left school between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Golspie High School	95.00%	100%	94.12%
Highland	95.52%	95.99%	96.08%
Scotland	93.72%	94.39%	96.10%

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Golspie High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2016/17	40	2411	51258
2017/18	43	2441	49724
2018/19	51	2068	44032

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Golspie High			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	16/17	17/18	18/19	16/17	17/18	18/19	16/17	17/18	18/19
Higher Education		35	29.6	35.5	35	40.3	40.71	41.1	40.35
Further Education		15	20.4	23.68	20	27.27	26.83	26.5	27.27
Training		0	3.7	1.74	1.4	4.81	2.43	2.1	3.47
Employment		45	40.7	31.31	36.6	33.88	21.97	22.7	22.92
Voluntary		0	0	0.83	0.8	0.71	0.55	0.7	0.58
Activity Agreements		5		2.45	2.2		1.22	1.2	
Unemployed Seeking		0	1.85	1.41	1.8	2.08	4.47	3.8	3.12
Unemployed Not Seeking		0	1.85	1.45	1.1	1.46	1.45	1.3	1.41
Unknown		0	1.85	1.62	1.1	0.42	0.37	0.4	0.42

Note: National averages have been calculated from the figures for all available local authority and grant-aided schools, whereas the local authority averages are based on local authority schools only.

There are no current Activity Agreements involving former pupils of Golspie High School.

Pupil Attendance 2019/20/Absence 2019/20 /Exclusions 2019/20

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, next reporting year is 2020-21.

SCHOOL	% Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils	No Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 Pupils
Highland Primary (2019-20)	93.5%	4.9%	1.6%	7/1000	4/1000
Scotland Primary (2018-19)	94.5%	3.6%	1.9%	8/1000	
Brora Primary School	92.9%	4.7%	2.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Golspie Primary School	92.7%	5.2%	2.1%	10/1000	10/1000
Helmsdale Primary School	90.0%	6.8%	3.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Lairg Primary School	94.5%	5.1%	0.4%	0/1000	0/1000
Rogart Primary School	91.8%	7.8%	0.4%	0/1000	0/1000
Rosehall Primary School	90.9%	6.4%	2.7%	0/1000	0/1000

SCHOOL	% Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils	No Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 Pupils
Highland Secondary (2019-20)	88.8%	7.3%	3.9%	39/1000	27/1000
Scotland Secondary (2018-19)	90.7%	5.5%	3.7%	40/1000	
Golspie High School	90.5%	7.5%	2.0%	0/1000	0/1000

Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2019.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registered P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P1-3
Highland Primary (2020)				14.4%	74.8%	79.7%
Scotland Primary (2020)				19.9%	81.4%	75.7%
Brora Primary School	93	<5	<5	10.8%	71.4%	65.7%
Golspie Primary School	98	<5	<5	Small Number		81.3%
Helmsdale Primary School	51	<5	<5	26.5%	88.9%	78.3%
Lairg Primary School	50	<5	<5	Small Number		75.0%
Rogart Primary School	24	<5	<5	Small Number		83.3%
Rosehall Primary School	13	<5	<5	Small Number		

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2020)				11.6 %	77.6%
Scotland Secondary (2020)				15.6%	70.9%
Golspie High School	247	<5	8	14.1%	92.6%

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2020 Free Meals Eligibility is the percentage of the present school roll registered for free meals. Free Meals Uptake is the percentage of those present on census day who were registered and took free meals.

The comment "small school/number" indicates that because of the small numbers of pupils in the school or the small numbers registered for free school meals this information cannot be disclosed.

High Life Highland

HLH Facilities and Services within the Golspie Associated School Group Area	User Information	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Sutherland Swimming Pool Complex	Customer Visits	37,417	31,963	30,711	28,783
Lairg Library	Customer Visits	4,825	4,368	5,122	7,093
Golspie Library	Customer Visits	5,456	7,839	8,255	14,264
Helmsdale Library	Customer Visits	9,756	8,437	9,477	9,605
Brora Library	Customer Visits	7,221	7,488	7,347	13,138
Brora Mobile Library	Customer Visits	8,260	8,176	7,133	6,840
Brora Learning Centre	Customer Visits	2,806	3,214	3,341	2,951
Brora Heritage Centre*	Customer Visits	4,001	4,146	3,903	2,959
Playing fields: Couper park, Golspie, Pittenrail, Ferrycroft	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-	-
Active Schools Coordinator (academic year, term time only)	Participant Sessions	21,034	23,845	14,057	**8,371
Youth Worker	Attendances	2,291	1,371	1,593	1,319
Adult Learning	Attendances	1,154	2,858	2,613	2,272

Programme information

Sutherland Swimming Pool Complex: <http://highlifehighland.com/leisure-facilities/golspie>

Lairg Library: <http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/lairglib.htm>

Adult Learning/Brora Learning Centre: <http://www.broraweb.co.uk/Learning%20Centre.html>

Golspie Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/golspielib.htm>

Helmsdale Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/helmsdalelib.htm>

Brora Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/broralib.htm>

Mobile Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/mobilelibraryservice/broramobile.htm>

* Operated by the Brora Heritage Society

** Terms 1 and 2 only.

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource – All work will be managed within budget allocations
- 3.2 Legal – Statutory requirements are met as necessary
- 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – N/A
- 3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – N/A
- 3.5 Risk –N/A
- 3.6 Gaelic – Where GME/GLE is delivered in schools, we continue to support and further develop this.

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SCHOOL ROLLS 2020-21

PRIMARY SCHOOL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Brora Primary	9	14	9	14	14	14	19	93
Golspie Primary	14	18	14	17	13	8	14	98
Helmsdale Primary	3	11	7	6	7	11	6	51
Lairg Primary	7	6	9	7	5	6	10	50
Rogart Primary	4	2	3	1	2	8	4	24
Rosehall Primary	1	1	2	1	1	3	4	13
Grand Total	37	52	44	46	42	49	56	326

SECONDARY SCHOOL	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Golspie High School	48	50	39	52	38	20	247