

Agenda Item	<b>4.</b>
Report No	<b>SCC/02/22</b>

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** Sutherland County Committee

**Date:** 28 February 2022

**Report Title:** North Coast Campus Overview

**Report By:** Executive Chief Officer – Education and Learning

### 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Farr 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 87 pupils, with the secondary school serving 69 young people.
- 1.3 ASG roll projections can be found at:  
<http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolrollforecasts>

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to: scrutinise and note the content of the report:

### 3 School Information

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

Primary

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/66/schools/category/541>

School	Link to School Webpage
Farr (Suth) Primary School	<a href="#">Farr Primary (Suth) webpage</a>
Melvich Primary School	<a href="#">Melvich Primary webpage</a>
Tongue Primary School	<a href="#">Tongue Primary webpage</a>

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

## School/Nursery Inspections

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Farr High School	Nov – 09	<a href="#">Farr High Inspection</a>
Farr (South) Primary School	Dec – 10 (follow up)	<a href="#">Farr Primary Inspection</a>
Melvich Primary School	Dec – 18	<a href="#">Melvich Primary Inspection</a>
Tongue Primary School	Mar – 20	<a href="#">Tongue Primary Inspection</a>

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

Early Year Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	Quality of Care & Support	Quality of Environment	Quality of Staffing	Quality of Management & Leadership
Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery	Sep-18	Very good	Not Assessed	Very good	Not Assessed
Melvich Primary Nursery	Sep-18	Good	Good	Good	Good
Tongue Pre-school Centre	Sep-21	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

## 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
Farr High School		Yes	3	3	0
Farr (Suth) Primary School		Yes	0	0	1
Melvich Primary School		Yes	0	0	0
Tongue Primary School		No	0	0	0

*ECO School information is reported as at February 2022. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2021-22.*

## Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (Hrs)
Farr High School	13.55	191.17
Farr (Suth) Primary School	3.05	48.25
Melvich Primary School	3.3	36.42
Tongue Primary School	3.2	53.45
Nursery	Teacher (FTE)	Total Staff (FTE)
Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery		1.73
Melvich Primary Nursery		1.45
Tongue Pre-school Centre		1.81

*School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2021. 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, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (Item 9a). Report [ACS-33-12](#).

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

- 1 FTE ASN teachers
- 5.5 FTE PSA staff (151hours assuming FTE = 27.5 hrs)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

7	Pupils at level 3
2	Pupils at level 4

#### Funding

Unit Desc	Budget 1920	Cost Per Pupil	Carry Fwd 1819
Farr Primary School	210,561	8,773	(1,748)
Farr Secondary School	825,686	9,491	(12,978)
Melvich P.S.	165,166	5,899	1,070
Tongue P.S.	180,916	10,051	(7,784)

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

#### Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Farr High School	B	B	38
Farr (Suth) Primary School	B	B	48
Melvich Primary School	B	B	60
Tongue Primary School	B	C	34

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 2016 and 31 July 2017.*

	% Positive Destinations		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Farr High School	100%	100%	95%
Highland	96%	94.79%	92.55%
Scotland	96%	95.05%	93.36%

*Number of pupils leaving in school year:*

Total No. Leavers	Farr High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2017/18	10	2441	49724
2018/19	10	2264	49717
2019/20	20	2216	47430

### Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Farr High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20
Higher Education	60%	40%	55%	35.15	32.20	39.53	41.1	40.35	44.20
Further Education	30%	30%	35%	19.87	23.14	25.41	26.5	27.27	28.06
Training	0%	10%		1.35	4.81	3.20	2.1	3.47	3.68
Employment	10%	20%	5%	36.62	33.88	23.83	22.7	22.92	16.18
Voluntary	0%	0%		0.78	0.71	0.50	0.7	0.58	0.45
Activity Agreements	0%	0%		2.17			1.2		
Unemployed Seeking	0%	0%		1.80	2.08	4.42	3.8	3.12	4.14
Unemployed Not Seeking	0%	0%	5%	1.15	1.46	2.17	1.3	1.41	1.83
Unknown	0%	0%		1.07	1.68	0.86	0.4	0.42	0.67

*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.*

## Pupil Attendance/Absence/Exclusions 2020/21

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, next reporting year is 2022-23.

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 (2020-21)	94.5%	4.2%	1.3%	4.7/1000	3.5/1000
Scotland Primary (2018-19)	94.5%	3.6%	1.9%	8/1000	
Farr (Suth) Primary School	96.1%	3.5%	0.4%	0/1000	0/1000
Melvich Primary School	97.7%	2.2%	0.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Tongue Primary School	91.2%	8.7%	0.1%	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 (2020-21)	90.1%	6.3%	3.5%	22.6/1000	18.1/1000
Scotland Secondary (2018-19)	90.7%	5.5%	3.7%	40/1000	
Farr High School	94.3%	5.1%	0.6%	0/1000	0/1000

## Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2021.

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%
Farr (Suth) Primary School	30	0	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	100%
Melvich Primary School	36	0	<5	Small school/number	Small school/number	88.2%
Tongue Primary School	21	0	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	100%

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%
Farr High School	74	0	0	Small school/number	Small school/number

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2019 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 disclose

#### 4. High Life Highland

4.1	HLH Facilities and Services within the Farr Associated School Group Area	User Information	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	Bettyhill Library and Service Point	Customer visits	5,135	5,636	-
	Mobile Library	Customer visits	7,804	7,446	-
	Portskerra Playing Field	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-
	Active Schools Coordinator (academic year, term time only)	Participant Sessions	982	-	280
	Youth Development Officer	Attendances	2,502	1,210	674

#### Programme Information

Bettyhill Library & Service Point: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/bettyhill-library-and-service-point/>

Mobile Library: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/far-north-mobile-library/>

#### 5. Implications

- 5.1 Resource - All work will be managed within budget allocations
- 5.2 Legal – Statutory requirements are met as necessary
- 5.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – N/A
- 5.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – N/A
- 5.5 Risk –N/A

Designation: Area Education and Learning Manager

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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