Agenda Item	**10i**
Report No	**LA/9/25**

The Highland Council

Committee: **Lochaber Area Committee**

Date: **27th January 2025**

Report Title: **Ardnamurchan High School Associated School Group Overview**

Report By: **Assistant Chief Executive, People**

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1   This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Ardnamurchan High School 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 112 pupils, ELC settings serve 25 children (25 in LA settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 129 young people.

2. Recommendations

2.1   Members are asked to:

       i.   Scrutinise and note the content of the report

3. Implications

3.1   Resource – There are no implications.

3.2   Legal -There are no implications.

3.3   Risk - The Service is committed to a on children sustained focus on progress and improvement to mitigate against the risk of under-performance which impacts and young people being able to achieve their full potential.

3.4   Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people) - There are no health and safety risks arising from this report.

3.5   Gaelic – The continued support for Gaelic Medium Education will support progress in Secondary stage.

4.   School Information

4.1   School website links

Secondary – **Link to [Ardnamurchan High](#) website**

Primary   [Link to School information on Highland Council website](#)

School	Link to School Webpage
Acharacle Primary	[Link](#)
Ardgour Primary	Under Construction
Kilchoan Primary	[Link](#)
Lochaline Primary	[Link](#)
Strontian Primary	[Link](#)

4.2   Standards and Quality Reports – latest reports

School	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Acharacle Primary	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Good
Ardgour Primary	Good	Good	Very Good	Good
Kilchoan Primary	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Good
Lochaline Primary	Good	Good	Good	Good
Strontian Primary	Good	Very Good	Very Good	Good

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Acharacle PS Nursery	Good	Good	Very Good	Good
Ardgour PS Nursery	Good	Good	Good	Good
Kilchoan PS Nursery	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Lochaline PS Nursery	Good	Good	Good	Good
Strontian PS Nursery	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good

4.3   Education Scotland Inspection reports

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Acharacle Primary	14/03/23	Link
Ardgour Primary	21/05/19	Link
Kilchoan Primary	+ 5 Years	Link
Lochaline Primary	19/03/19	Link
Strontian Primary	+ 5 Years	Link

Education Scotland website shows review and inspection reports in last 5 years, older reports are no longer available to view on the site.

5   School Rolls

5.1   ASG SCHOOL ROLLS – Session 2024-25

Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Acharacle Primary	8	5	7	4	13	9	5	51
Ardgour Primary	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	18
Kilchoan Primary	1	2	4	3	2	2		14
Lochaline Primary	3	1		1		1	2	8
Strontian Primary	2	5	3	1	4	3	3	21
Total	17	15	17	11	22	17	13	112

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Ardnamurchan High School	19	19	22	29	25	15	129

5.2   **School Roll and Capacity Forecasts**
The school roll and capacity forecast for the ASG are in Appendix 1.

Attendance/Absence/Exclusions – Session 2022/23

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Primary Schools	%Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions	Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Primary(2022-23)	92.2%	5.3%	2.6%	1760	4.5
Highland Primary (2022-23)	92.0%	6.1%	c	c	c
Acharacle Primary	94.2%	5.0%	0.8%	0	0
Ardgour Primary	93.4%	4.7%	1.9%	0	0
Kilchoan Primary	96.3%	2.7%	1.0%	0	0
Lochaline Primary	95.3%	4.1%	0.6%	0	0
Strontian Primary	92.0%	6.6%	1.4%	0	0

Secondary School	%Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions	Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Secondary (2022-23)	87.7	7.1	5.1	9724	31.5
Highland Secondary (2022-23)	86.8	8.1	4.9	587	42.2
Ardnamurchan High School	91.9%	4.9%	c	c	c

7 Attainment Profile

7.1 Primary Attainment – Pupils Achieving Expected National Curriculum for Excellence Levels - P1,4,7 Combined, Literacy and Numeracy

2023/24	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		80.5%	76.2%	87.3%	80.3%
Highland		76.4%	70.9%	86.5%	74.4%
Acharacle Primary	17	c	c	c	c
Ardgour Primary	8	c	c	c	c
Kilchoan Primary	4	c	c	c	c
Lochaline Primary	6	c	c	c	c
Strontian Primary	6	c	c	c	c

*c represents small numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

2022/23	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		80%	75%	87%	80%
Highland		74%	68%	74%	72%
Acharacle Primary	23	c	c	c	c
Ardgour Primary	8	c	c	c	c
Kilchoan Primary	6	c	c	c	c
Lochaline Primary	2	c	c	c	c
Strontian Primary	8	c	c	c	c

2021/22	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		78%	73%	86%	78%
Highland		71%	63%	81%	69%
Acharacle Primary	16	c	c	c	c
Ardgour Primary	11	c	c	c	c
Kilchoan Primary	7	c	c	c	c
Lochaline Primary	5	c	c	c	c
Strontian Primary	9	c	c	c	c

Secondary Attainment

School leavers Achieving Literacy

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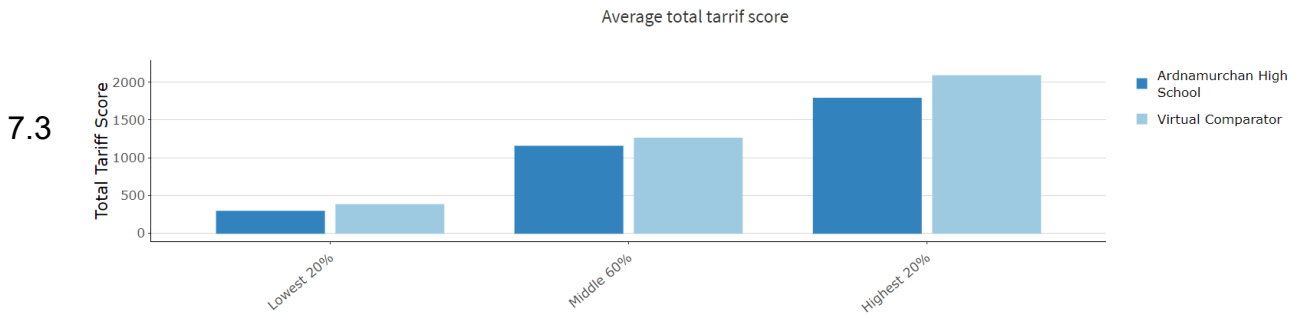| Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Literacy	% Level 5 Literacy
Ardnamurchan High School	2022	c	c
Virtual Comparator	2022	c	c
Ardnamurchan High School	2021	75%	c
Virtual Comparator	2021	92%	c
Ardnamurchan High School	2020	c	c
Virtual Comparator	2020	c	c

School Leavers Achieving Numeracy

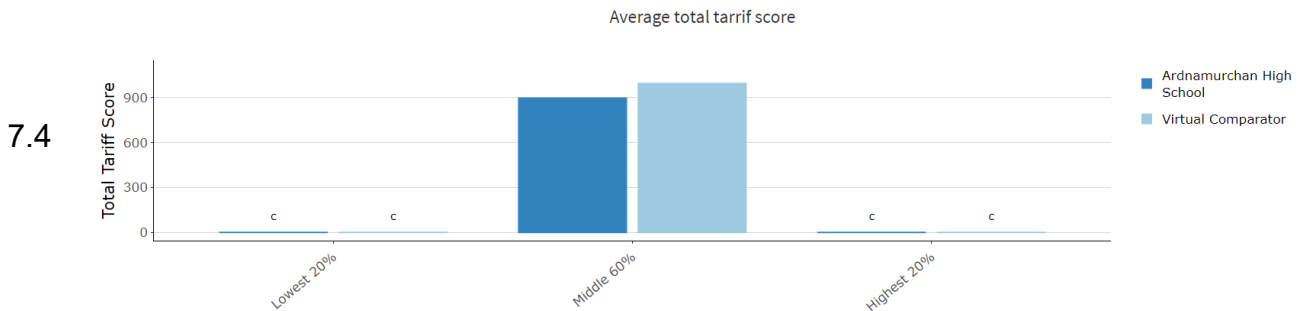| Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Numeracy	% Level 5 Numeracy
Ardnamurchan High School	2022	c	83%
Virtual Comparator	2022	c	83%
Ardnamurchan High School	2021	c	60%
Virtual Comparator	2021	c	81%
Ardnamurchan High School	2020	c	c
Virtual Comparator	2020	c	c

Senior Phase

Average Total Tariff Score for Leavers

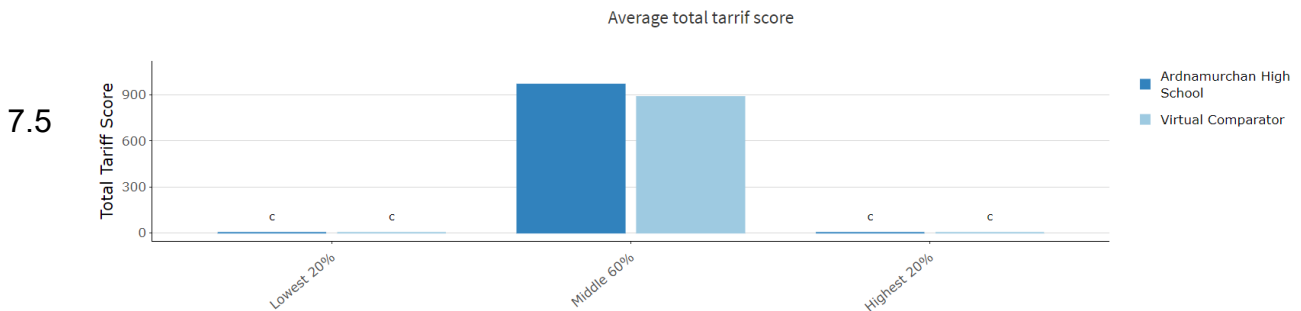| Establishment	Year	Lowest 20%	Middle 60%	Highest 20%
Ardnamurchan High School	2022	286	1149	1786
Virtual Comparator	2022	375	1256	2085
Ardnamurchan High School	2021	c	896	c
Virtual Comparator	2021	c	994	c
Ardnamurchan High School	2020	c	968	c
Virtual Comparator	2020	c	887	c

2022

Average total tarrif score

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2021

Average total tarrif score

7.4

2020

Average total tarrif score

7.5

7.6 **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.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2020/21	**2021/22**	**2022/23**
Ardnamurchan High School	95.83	100	100
Highland	94.33	94.45	95.27
Scotland	95.48	95.74	95.87

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	**Ardnamurchan High School**	**HIGHLAND**	**SCOTLAND**
2020/21	24	2328	50719
2021/22	20	2559	55211
2022/23	29	2474	54719

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Ardnamurchan High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	20/21	21/22	22/23	20/21	21/22	22/23	20/21	21/22	22/23
Higher Education	41.67	40.0	37.93	36.38	34.11	33.10	45.11	41.27	40.3
Further Education	4.17	15.0	6.9	18.08	19.54	20.53	23.29	25.45	26.62
Training	0	0	3.45	2.71	1.52	1.9	3.67	2.91	3.35
Employment	41.67	45.0	51.72	36.6	38.73	39.05	22.58	25.12	24.34
Voluntary	8.33	0	0	0.43	0.31	0.53	0.37	0.47	0.52
Activity Agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unemployed Seeking	4.17	0	0	3.14	2.89	2.95	2.53	2.32	2.24
Unemployed Not Seeking	0	0	0	2.1	1.76	1.62	1.69	1.55	1.57
Unknown	0	0	0	0.43	0.9	0.16	0.3	0.4	0.32

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._

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Background Papers:

Appendix 1: School Roll and Capacity Forecast for ASG

APPENDIX 1 School Roll and Capacity Forecast for ASG

School Roll Forecast
Ardnamurchan High School
Ardnamurchan High School

5139120	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39
S 1	14	18	13	17	20	12	16	13	25	14	16	12	14	16	16	16
S 2	23	14	18	13	17	20	12	16	13	25	14	16	12	14	16	16
S 3	23	23	14	18	13	17	20	12	16	13	25	14	16	12	14	16
S 4	25	23	23	14	18	13	17	20	12	16	13	25	14	16	12	14
S 5	23	22	20	20	12	16	11	15	18	11	14	11	22	12	14	10
S 6	16	15	14	13	13	8	11	7	10	12	7	9	8	14	8	9
Total Roll	124	115	102	95	93	86	87	83	94	91	89	87	86	84	80	81
Total Capacity	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306
Tot Roll - Tot Cap	-182	-191	-204	-211	-213	-220	-219	-223	-212	-215	-217	-219	-220	-222	-226	-225
Tot Roll/Tot Cap %	41%	38%	33%	31%	30%	28%	28%	27%	31%	30%	29%	28%	28%	27%	26%	26%

School Roll Forecast
Ardnamurchan High School
Acharacle Primary

5130123	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39
P 1	5	10	7	8	4	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	5	6	6	6
P 2	7	5	10	7	8	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5
P 3	4	7	5	10	7	8	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
P 4	12	4	7	5	10	7	7	4	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6
P 5	9	12	4	7	5	10	6	8	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
P 6	4	9	12	4	7	4	10	7	8	3	6	6	6	6	6	6
P 7	7	4	9	12	4	7	4	10	7	8	4	6	6	6	6	6
Total Roll	48	51	54	53	45	46	43	47	44	42	40	42	41	42	42	41
Total Capacity	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
Tot Roll - Tot Cap	-27	-24	-21	-22	-30	-29	-32	-28	-31	-33	-35	-33	-34	-33	-33	-34
Tot Roll/Tot Cap %	64%	68%	72%	71%	60%	61%	57%	63%	59%	56%	53%	56%	55%	56%	56%	55%

School Roll Forecast
Ardnamurchan High School
Ardgour Primary

5130220	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39
P 1	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	3
P 2	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
P 3	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2
P 4	3	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
P 5	2	3	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2
P 6	4	2	3	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
P 7	1	4	2	3	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	3
Total Roll	**18**	**20**	**18**	**19**	**18**	**18**	**17**	**17**	**17**	**17**	**17**	**17**	**18**	**18**	**16**	**19**
Total Capacity	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Tot Roll - Tot Cap	-32	-30	-32	-31	-32	-32	-33	-33	-33	-33	-33	-33	-32	-32	-34	-31
Tot Roll/Tot Cap %	36%	40%	36%	38%	36%	36%	34%	34%	34%	34%	34%	34%	36%	36%	32%	38%

School Roll Forecast
Ardnamurchan High School
Kilchoan Primary

5130921	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39
P 1	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
P 2	3	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
P 3	4	3	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
P 4	2	4	3	1	1	0	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
P 5	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
P 6	1	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
P 7	0	1	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
Total Roll	**13**	**14**	**13**	**12**	**12**	**9**	**9**	**10**	**9**	**10**	**10**	**11**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**13**
Total Capacity	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Tot Roll - Tot Cap	-12	-11	-12	-13	-13	-16	-16	-15	-16	-15	-15	-14	-17	-12	-17	-12
Tot Roll/Tot Cap %	52%	56%	52%	48%	48%	36%	36%	40%	36%	40%	40%	44%	32%	52%	32%	52%

School Roll Forecast
Ardnamurchan High School
Lochaline Primary

5131227	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39
P 1	1	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
P 2	0	1	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
P 3	1	0	1	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
P 4	0	1	0	1	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
P 5	1	0	1	0	1	5	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2
P 6	1	1	0	1	0	1	5	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2
P 7	5	1	1	0	1	0	1	5	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	2
Total Roll	**9**	**9**	**12**	**13**	**15**	**17**	**19**	**20**	**17**	**16**	**14**	**17**	**17**	**16**	**14**	**14**
Total Capacity	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Tot Roll - Tot Cap	-41	-41	-38	-37	-35	-33	-31	-30	-33	-34	-36	-33	-33	-34	-36	-36
Tot Roll/Tot Cap %	18%	18%	24%	26%	30%	34%	38%	40%	34%	32%	28%	34%	34%	32%	28%	28%

School Roll Forecast
Ardnamurchan High School
Strontian Primary

5131324	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39
P 1	5	6	1	2	2	2	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
P 2	2	5	6	1	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4
P 3	1	2	5	6	1	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
P 4	4	1	2	5	6	1	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
P 5	3	4	1	2	5	6	1	3	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4
P 6	3	3	4	1	2	5	6	1	3	2	2	4	4	4	5	4
P 7	5	3	3	4	1	2	5	6	1	3	2	2	4	4	4	4
Total Roll	**23**	**24**	**22**	**21**	**19**	**20**	**22**	**21**	**20**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**28**	**28**	**29**	**28**
Total Capacity	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Tot Roll - Tot Cap	-27	-26	-28	-29	-31	-30	-28	-29	-30	-27	-26	-25	-22	-22	-21	-22
Tot Roll/Tot Cap %	46%	48%	44%	42%	38%	40%	44%	42%	40%	46%	48%	50%	56%	56%	58%	56%