Blairvadach outdoor learning opportunities – Update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the current service, functions, occupancy and outlook for the Blairvadach service resource, advising

(1) of the Blairvadach service resource which included a residential outdoor education centre, Blairvadach at Pinkston Basin, therapeutic intervention outdoor education, Duke of Edinburgh Award and training and resources, as detailed in the report;

(2) that occupancy for the residential centre over the current financial year was at its highest level ever, that demand for the service continued to outstrip the ability of the centre to supply and the new pricing structure had enabled more of Glasgow's young people to benefit from the resource;

(3) of the current service levels and how the services had evolved since 2012;

(4) of the allocation process and selection criteria undertaken on receipt of notes of interest from Glasgow schools for the following academic year;

(5) that the wider educational experiences and training facilitated by the Blairvadach services delivered personal and social development and character education and contributed directly to the Grand Challenges of the All Learners, All Achieving Strategy;

(6) of the Council's strategy to enable outdoor learning to become an entitlement to each pupil at every stage within their education journey as detailed in the report; and

(7) of feedback received from teachers and parents on their experience with the service.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report; and

(b) the work of Education Services to support all young people to access and benefit from a high quality and progressive outdoor education experience throughout their journey at school.