Positive destinations – Motion, as adjusted, approved.

11 Councillor Cannon, seconded by Councillor Bolander, moved that:-

"Council welcomes the latest statistics published by Skills Development Scotland that shows 97.1% of Glasgow's young people went on to positive destinations, exceeding the national average for the second year in a row. Council particularly commends the four schools in the city who achieved 100%: Hyndland Secondary School, Lochend High School, Saint Roch's Secondary School & Glasgow Gaelic School.

Council thanks our teachers, education staff, Council officers, school communities, parents, carers and the young people themselves for achieving this result and reiterates our commitment to providing a high-quality education system where all children and young people are able to learn in an environment that helps them to reach their full potential.

Council notes the recent Health and Wellbeing Census 2021-22 which has given us useful data to build and act upon about pupils' priorities. Council notes that when S1-6 pupils were asked what they thought they would most likely be doing when they left school 63% said they thought they would go in to further or higher education; 6% into an apprenticeship or trade, 3% into employment and, 22% said they did not know.

Council resolves to continue looking at educational outcomes through a holistic lens, acknowledging that a child's health & wellbeing also contributes to their ability to learn and achieve.

Council instructs the Executive Director of Education to bring an update to a future committee outlining good practice across Glasgow's schools so that we can continue to build on these foundations and get it right for every child in the city."

Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved as an amendment that the following be inserted after the second paragraph:

“However, Council records its disappointment that under current Scottish Government guidance, precarious and often exploitative work such as zero-hours contracts are considered positive destinations for our young people.

Council agrees to write a joint letter to the Education Cabinet Secretary asking the Scottish Government to re-assess its’ criteria of positive destinations and further instructs Skills Development Scotland to publish transparent and detailed statistics showing greater breakdown of positive destination categories.”

Councillor Anderson, seconded by Bailie Gallagher, moved as an amendment that:

(1) at paragraph 4, between “Council” and “resolves”, add “recognises criticisms of the definition of positive destinations and”; and

(2) the following be added at the end:

"Council notes that, according to the Health and Wellbeing Census 2021-22, 86% of pupils felt pressured by their schoolwork to some extent, believes that this has to be taken into consideration through the national review of education and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to review Scotland's education system at a national level. Council further believes that young people's views should be at the heart of these reforms and that the Council should continue to engage with young people on policies which affect them.

Council requests that officers bring forward school-level and ward-level data from positive destination data and the Health and Wellbeing Census 2021-22 on how the Council plans to make further improvement in positive destination statistics."

Councillors Anderson and Brown, with the approval of their seconders, agreed to combine their amendments as follows:

(1) at paragraph 4, between "Council" and "resolves", add the following:

"recognises criticisms of the definition of positive destinations, including that precarious and often exploitative work such as zero-hours contracts are considered positive destinations for our young people, and"; and

(2) the following be added at the end:

"Council notes that - according to the Health and Wellbeing Census 2021-22 - 86% of pupils felt pressured by their schoolwork to some extent, believes that this has to be taken into consideration through the national review of education and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to review Scotland's education system at a national level, including re-assessment of criteria of positive destinations. Council further believes that young people's views should be at the heart of these reforms and that the Council should continue to engage with young people on policies which affect them.

Council requests that officers bring forward school-level and ward-level data from positive destination data (including as detailed as possible breakdowns of the data, such as on the types of positive destinations) and the Health and Wellbeing Census 2021-22 on how the Council plans to make further improvement in positive destination statistics."

Councillor Cannon, with the approval of her seconder, accepted the combined amendment by Councillors Anderson and Brown resulting in the following adjusted motion:

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School, Lochend High School, Saint Roch's Secondary School & Glasgow Gaelic School.

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Council notes the recent Health and Wellbeing Census 2021-22 which has given us useful data to build and act upon about pupils' priorities. Council notes that when S1-6 pupils were asked what they thought they would most likely be doing when they left school 63% said they thought they would go in to further or higher education; 6% into an apprenticeship or trade, 3% into employment and, 22% said they did not know.

Council recognises criticisms of the definition of positive destinations, including that precarious and often exploitative work such as zero-hours contracts are considered positive destinations for our young people, and resolves to continue looking at educational outcomes through a holistic lens, acknowledging that a child's health & wellbeing also contributes to their ability to learn and achieve.

Council instructs the Executive Director of Education to bring an update to a future committee outlining good practice across Glasgow's schools so that we can continue to build on these foundations and get it right for every child in the city.

Council notes that - according to the Health and Wellbeing Census 2021-22 - 86% of pupils felt pressured by their schoolwork to some extent, believes that this has to be taken into consideration through the national review of education and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to review Scotland’s education system at a national level, including re-assessment of criteria of positive destinations. Council further believes that young people’s views should be at the heart of these reforms and that the Council should continue to engage with young people on policies which affect them.

Council requests that officers bring forward school-level and ward-level data from positive destination data (including as detailed as possible breakdowns of the data, such as on the types of positive destinations) and the Health and Wellbeing Census 2021-22 on how the Council plans to make further improvement in positive destination statistics.”

The motion as adjusted was approved unanimously.