School Leavers' attainment 2022 – Position noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the attainment of school leavers following the publication of the Insight data in February 2023, advising

(1) that in February each year the Scottish Government published data through Insight on leavers' destinations and on leavers' attainment, which represented the cumulative performance of pupils on their exit from school;

(2) that the examination diet of 2022 returned to the pre COVID-19 pandemic model of a traditional exam diet with the Scottish Qualifications Authority preparing all examination papers, however, some of the course descriptors had been amended to take account of the impact of the pandemic and the continuing disruption to young people preparing for the exams;

(3) that significant conclusions should not be drawn from the results for 2022 given the different approaches to certification that had taken place, however an analysis of data was critical to identify areas for further improvement;

(4) that attainment continued to be linked with deprivation and that those living in the 20% least deprived postcodes performed much better than those living in the 20% most deprived postcodes, but that Glasgow performed better than the national figures when comparing those who lived in the 20% most deprived postcodes; and

(5) of Glasgow's performance against national figures using various filters, as detailed in the report.