School attendance and exclusions 2021/22 data noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing detailed statistics on school attendance and exclusions for the academic year 2021/22, advising that

(1) the data for 2021/22 had been calculated using information collected in the summer of 2022 from all primary, secondary and Additional Support for Learning schools in Glasgow;

(2) schools had not closed during 2021/22 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however attendance of both pupils and staff continued to be affected and that attendance had slightly declined;

(3) there had been a slight increase in exclusions in the past year, but a significant decrease from the 2018/19 figure which was the last full year of attendance; and

(4) Education Services would continue to work with staff, parents and young people to explore the causes of exclusion and the ways in which schools could avoid using this option.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that the data for 2019/20 and 2020/21 could not be directly compared due to the school closures which had taken place in both years as a result of the pandemic.