School Leavers' Follow Up - Glasgow's follow up destinations – Progress noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Education Services.

3 With reference to the minutes of 10th March 2022 (Print 7, page 529) instructing the Executive Director of Education Services to submit a futher report to a future meeting of this committee regarding the School Leavers' Follow Up (SLFU), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regading the services' commitment to continuing to improve the sustainability of post-school destinations, its progress to date and how the service planned to improve, advising

(1) that in the latest published SLFU – Follow Up Destinations 2021 which had been published in June 2022, Glasgow had recorded a positive destination rate of 93.8%, which was 2.4% lower than the initial destination figure of 96.2%, but was an improvement of 1.6% on last year's follow up destinations, and that for the first time Glasgow school leavers figures were better than the national figure of 93.2%;

(2) that the comparison between initial and follow up destinations had shown that higher education continued to be a very positive destination, with almost all of those who had started in higher education still there 6 months later;

(3) of the work undertaken by representatives from Towards Better Futures and Skills Development Scotland to manage the process of identifying, supporting and tracking young people, as detailed in the report; and

(4) that the mentors in colleges had made contact with vulnerable young people in college and either supported them to sustain their college place, or if this had not been possible, ensured that they progressed into an alternative destination.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) instructed the Executive Director to bring back further reports on Towards Better Futures.