

Blairvadach outdoor education services – Update noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Education Services.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing an update on the current service, functions and outlook of the Blairvadach Outdoor Centre and an overview of its related outdoor learning activity within the city, advising

- (1) that throughout 2024 Blairvadach had maintained service levels across all 4 major workstreams, embedded changes to pricing structures and operating procedures, and that this approach had resulted in delivery of a more predictable budget whilst optimising available resources;
- (2) that the benefits of outdoor learning, particularly residential outdoor education was increasingly recognised nationally;
- (3) of the service resources of the centre, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that occupancy of the residential centre in 2024/25 had reached its highest level since 2019, that demand continued to exceed capacity and that late cancellations and reduced participant numbers remained ongoing challenges;
- (5) of the Glasgow Urban Adventure Award that had been developed to encourage people in Glasgow to explore the city's outdoor spaces through learning and adventurous activities, as detailed in the report;
- (6) of details of the care experience programme, and the Duke of Edinburgh awards for 2024/25, as detailed in the report; and
- (7) of the progression of the Outdoor Learning Purpose and Progression Framework that had been developed to outline outdoor learning entitlements across the education journey, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the update and Education Services' work to support young people to access and benefit from a high quality and progressive outdoor education experience throughout their journey at school; and
- (b) instructed the Executive Director of Education Services to provide updates as appropriate to a future meeting of this committee.