
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

EDUCATION

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The APM is compiled from data collected from the 16+ Data Hub, a multi-partner secure data sharing gateway managed by Skills Development Scotland (SDS). Data input is provided from Local Authorities, Colleges, the Department of Work and Pensions, the Students Awards Agency Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council.
- 4.2 The participation status of each young person is identified by combining the number of days spent in each status (participating, not-participating or unknown) between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023. Their overall headline classification is then decided by the heading under which they have spent the most days over that year.
- 4.3 The classifications are defined as:

Participating school pupil, higher education, further education, employment, modern apprenticeships, training and voluntary work.

Not Participating

4.5 The 2023 APM figures for Argyll and Bute exceed the Scottish average in all three classifications.

intervention, and young people are tracked having left school in order that interventions can be put in place to address any failure to sustain positive, participating destinations. Through such practice, Education, SDS, DYW and their partners seek to continue to increase the number of young people in Argyll and Bute participating productively and meaningfully in society.

5.5 The robust, current information provided by the Annual Participation Measure and the SDS Data Hub will continue to be used to identify potential issues and inform work with partner agencies. This will enable all agencies to be proactive in providing the necessary targeted and tailored intervention to support young people in achieving and sustaining their chosen area of participation in society.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Policy - This report links directly to Outcome 3 in the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan 2013-2023 (Education Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All).

6.2 Financial None.

6.3 Legal None.

6.4 HR None

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

6.5.1 Equalities - The Opportunities for All programme and Developing