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Designation of Chief Education Officer

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Executive Summary

This report asks Council to approve the designation of the post of Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning as the Chief Education Officer in line with the statutory requirement of the [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#).

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To approve the designation of the post of Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning as Chief Education Officer.
- 1.2 To appoint Andy Gray as Chief Education Officer.
- 1.3 To note that amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers to reflect the changes to statutory regulations within the [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) will be required and will be submitted to the Council in due course.

2. Background

- 2.1 The [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) requires that local authorities must appoint a Chief Education Officer to advise the authority on the carrying out of the authority's functions under this Act and any other enactment.

- 2.2 Part three section 25 of the Act:

After section 77 of the 1980 Act insert—

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(1) An education authority must appoint an officer to advise the authority on the carrying out of the authority's functions under this Act and any other enactment.

(2) An officer appointed under subsection (1) is to be known as the Chief Education Officer.

(3) An officer appointed under subsection (1) must have—

(a) such qualifications as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Scottish Ministers, and

(b) such experience as the authority considers appropriate in relation to the carrying out of the advisory function mentioned in that subsection.

(4) In subsection (1), “enactment” includes an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament.”.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The post of Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning is already required to fulfil a statutory role in relation to education.
- 3.2 There is no requirement under the Act to create an additional new post within existing management structures.
- 3.3 The post of Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning is therefore the most appropriate existing senior role to carry the designation of Chief Education Officer.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The Authority continues to meet its obligations under the Act.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The Scheme of Delegation to Officers will be revised to reflect the regulations within the [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) .

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 There are no equalities impacts as a result of this report.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There is no direct sustainability impact as a result of this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Consultation was undertaken by the Scottish Government.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#)

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11. Links

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