SCOTTISH EDUCATION COUNCIL

UPDATE FROM THE CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT BOARD

1. The Scottish Education Council (SEC) previously received an update on the work of the Curriculum and Assessment Board (CAB) at its meeting of 19 June 2018 (see paper SEC-05(06)). Since that date, the CAB met on 26 October 2018 and will have met again on 18 January 2019 before the SEC next convenes on 23 January 2019.

The Learner Journey Review (October 2018)

2. The CAB discussed the proposed process for implementing the recommendations of the 15-24 Learner Journey Review and provided comments on how this process might be supported most effectively.

Support for subject specific professional learning (October 2018)

3. Education Scotland outlined a proposal to develop a revised support package for subject specific professional learning in place of its current national qualifications website. The CAB endorsed the proposal while providing comment on how the revision process could be taken forward in a way that provides the greatest level of support for teachers.

Health and wellbeing: recent developments and next steps (October 2018)

4. The CAB considered the curriculum and assessment relevant findings of the PSE Review and provided comment on how curriculum and assessment delivery in this area can be best supported.

Play based learning in school years education (October 2018)

 The CAB considered the benefits of play based learning and its prevalence and impact in pre-school education. The Board also discussed how school years teachers could be supported in embedding play based pedagogies throughout the learner journey.

<u>Curriculum and assessment relevant aspects of the 2019 National Improvement Framework (NIF) (January 2019)</u>

6. The Board will consider the curriculum and assessment relevant contents of the 2019 National Improvement Framework and Improvement Plan. The Board will also consider how members can individually and collectively support further improvement activity under each of the NIF's improvement drivers.

The progress of the Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Programme (January 2019)

7. The CAB will be provided with an overview of the progress of the DYW programme. This will include highlighting the publication of the programme's fourth annual report and the findings from the Scottish Parliament's Education and Skills Committee Inquiry into the programme. Board members will then consider how they can further support delivery of the programme's aims and objectives.

The implementation of the STEM Education and Training Strategy (January 2019)

- 8. The CAB will be given an overview of the forthcoming STEM Education and Training Strategy Year 1 Report. Board members will be asked to note the contents of the report and provide comment on how they can continue to best support delivery of the strategy's aims and objectives.
- 9. Following its meeting on 18 January 2019 the CAB is next due to meet on 15 March 2019.

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