

PE1694/H

Submission from Glasgow City Council of 17 October 2018

Glasgow City Council does not charge for music tuition. We have the largest proportion of young people who are eligible for free school meals and we consider music to make a strong contribution to our priority to raise attainment and achievement of all children and young people.

We have examples where schools serving communities of high deprivation have used music as part of their planned approaches to raise attainment. For example St Anne's Primary School became a School of Music. They were supported by our own music service and also by Celtic Foundation which provided additional instruments. Celtic Foundation have provided a number of schools, mainly in the East of the city, with instruments to extend the numbers of children able to learn an instrument. Eastbank Learning Community have used Pupil Equity Funding to develop a 'Baby Strings' project. Our music service has supported with additional tuition. The schools are tracking children's progress in literacy and there is emerging evidence of the positive impact of music on children's learning. Below we have provided some data as well as responses to the questions posed. Instrumental Music Tuition = IMI; Youth Music Initiative = YMI and Musci4All is our own programme for primary schools developed and led by our quality improvement officer for creative arts Louise Hamilton.

The number of children who receive instrumental tuition:

IMI - 5,448
YMI – 24,851 – Core Programme
Music4All – 112 Schools Engaged

The number of Instrumental Music Service Tutors we have over the last three years:

IMI 2018-19 56FTE (+ 1FTE Education Support Officer (ESO))
IMI 2017-18 56FTE (+ 1FTE ESO)
IMI 2016-17 56FTE (+ 1FTE ESO)

The number of Youth Music Initiative Funded Tutors we have over the last three years:

YMI 2018 – 2019 – 12FTE including 1FTE ESO
YMI 2017 – 2018 – 13FTE including 1FTE ESO
YMI 2016 – 2017 – 14FTE including 1FTE ESO

We have had to reduce the numbers of tutors as the budget has not taken pay increases into consideration.

The drop-out rate of children having instrumental music tuition in the past two years

We do not hold this data but our view is that the numbers are very low.

The projected drop-out rate for this year if charges for instrumental music tuition continue to increase as they have done in recent years

Not applicable as Glasgow does not charge for Music Tuition.

Is there a particular reason that instrumental music tuition is not being regarded by education departments as a core subject?

Music is very much regarded as a core subject in Glasgow and funded accordingly. The Glasgow Music Service continues to grow and attainment and achievement is strong.