

President of ADES

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Dear Maureen

### **Future approaches to inspection and review: further information**

As you know Alasdair Delaney wrote to all Directors of Education earlier this month with information about our 'try-out' inspections which have already taken place and our plans to try out some further approaches over the rest of the 2015-16 academic session. The purpose of this letter is to provide further information of a new 'try-out' approach we are intending to carry out in the summer term and to ask for your support in finding a volunteer education authority for this review.

We are intending to try out one neighbourhood approach in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 of the summer term. We have defined 'neighbourhood' for the purposes of this type of review as a secondary school and its associated educational establishments and partners. We are proposing transition as the theme for this review.

The review would involve a team of inspectors visiting educational establishments and meeting stakeholders over the course of a week. Our activity will be planned with the purpose of finding out "how well transition arrangements are ensuring continuity in learning for all children and young people?". The team of inspectors will have a range of specialisms from across a range of sectors such as early years and childcare, primary, secondary, special, community learning development and college sectors as appropriate to the participating neighbourhood.

It would be very helpful if you could facilitate an invitation to all education authorities to take part in this review. Given that Moray took part in a try-out thematic review last term, we would not expect them to volunteer again. I would be happy to answer any questions that you or any other Director of Education may have as you all consider any involvement. We would be grateful if education authorities could let us know if they are willing to participate in this review by the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely

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