3.3.1 The Consultation Response

3.3.2 What is the drop-out rate of children having instrumental music tuition in the past two years?

**RESPONSE:** The drop-out rate of children having instrumental music tuition has not been measured until the start of the 2018-19 academic year. However, the service has monitored the overall numbers of children having instrumental lessons and this has remained at a consistent level over the past two years.

3.3.3 What is the projected drop-out rate for this year if charges for instrumental music tuition continue to increase as they have done in recent years?

**RESPONSE:** Charges for instrumental tuition have not increased in recent years and there is no evidence of an increase in drop-out rate.

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

**RESPONSE:** The Music Service continues to deliver a service in every school in the city. The Aberdeen City Music School provides intensive instruction to senior pupils. The Local Authority are of the view that musical instruction is currently available to all pupils who express a desire to engage with the Service. This flexibility enables the Education Service to provide an appropriate curriculum for all learners.