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Dear Convener

Attainment Scotland Fund Evaluation: publication of the Scottish Attainment Challenge Local Authority Leads Survey Report 2022/23

I am writing to inform you of the publication yesterday (25 September 2023) of the Scottish Attainment Challenge Local Authority Leads Survey Report 2022/23. This report is the second output from the year 1 (2022/23) analytical plan for the new ASF Evaluation Strategy. It reports on data gathered through a survey of Scottish Attainment Challenge local authority leads (see *footnote*) to gain an understanding of the early implementation of the refreshed Attainment Scotland Fund. There will be further evaluation outputs throughout the year.

Following the refresh of the Scottish Attainment Challenge Mission in 2022, the survey sought to understand how fundamental changes, such as Strategic Equity Funding (SEF) and Stretch Aims, have been implemented, the approaches that have been taken, and the challenges experienced. Ultimately, the survey and the report aim to derive key lessons for policy and practice.

The report is available on the Scottish Government publications website at the following link: [Attainment Scotland Fund - process evaluation - Scottish Attainment Challenge: local authority leads survey report 2022-2023 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/attainment-scotland-fund-process-evaluation-scottish-attainment-challenge-local-authority-leads-survey-report-2022-2023/gov.scot)

The full findings are published as a supporting document.

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Footnote:

Local authority Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC) Leads are local government officers in a lead role supporting strategic planning for the Challenge.

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