

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 9 November 2011

Subject: Integrated Inspection by the Care Commission and HM Inspectorate of Education: Report on Follow-Through Inspection of Jamestown Early Education and Child care Centre

Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members of the Committee of the Follow-Through Inspection of Jamestown Early Education and Childcare Centre carried out by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service, and of the report published in October 2011, which is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Background

- 2.1** Following Inspection by the Care Commission and HM Inspection of Education in May 2009, the nursery prepared an Action Plan to address the main points for action highlighted in the report. The main points for action identified were as follows:

- Develop approaches to planning, assessing and tracking children's progress to ensure a clear focus on children's learning and achievements.
- Review the balance between adult-directed and child-initiated play.

- 2.2** The Quality Improvement Service visited the nursery to assess the extent to which the nursery was continuing to improve the overall quality of their work, and to evaluate progress made in response to the main points for action.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Members will note that in relation to the two main points for action, good progress has been made.
- 3.2** The Quality Improvement Service was satisfied that the nursery had made good progress in all areas of learning and teaching. The nursery was considered to be well placed to continue the improvements achieved to date.

4. People Implications

- 4.1** This report has no implications for Personnel.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 West Dunbartonshire Quality Improvement Service will continue to support the nursery to embed and maintain improvements, and will continue to monitor and assess progress through normal quality assurance procedures.

7. Equalities, Health and Human Rights Impact Assessment

7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The Follow-Through Report provides evidence of the improvements made by Jamestown Early Education and Childcare Centre. This is in line with the corporate priority to provide fit for purpose services.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

9.1 This is a good report highlighting the commitment of the head of centre and staff to continuous improvement. West Dunbartonshire's Quality Improvement Service is confident that the centre's self-evaluation processes were leading to improvements. The local authority will inform parents about the centre's progress as part of the authority's arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of its centre.

9.2 The committee is invited:

- a) to note the contents of this report;
- b) to congratulate the staff and children of Jamestown Early Education Centre, for their achievements as recognised by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service in the report published in October 2011

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Appendix: Appendix 1: Copy of Follow Through-Report on Jamestown
Early Education and Childcare Centre

Ward Affected: Ward 2

Background Papers: Integrated Inspection Report by Care Commission and
HMI Inspectorate of Education July 2009