

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 15 June 2011

**Subject: Integrated Inspection by the Care Commission and HM
Inspectorate of Education: Report on Follow-Through
Inspection of Carousel Nursery Alexandria**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members of the Committee of the Follow-Through Inspection of Carousel Nursery Alexandria carried out by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service, and of the report published in March 2011, which is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Background

- 2.1** Carousel Nursery in Alexandria is one of West Dunbartonshire Council's partner nurseries. As such it is subject to the same inspection regime as the Council's own Early Education and Childcare Centres (EECCs). Partner nurseries also receive the same support and monitoring from Educational Services as do the Council's own EECCs.

- 2.2** Following the Integrated Inspection in June 2009, the nursery prepared an Action Plan in discussion with West Dunbartonshire Council. The main points for action were as follows:

- Continue to develop the quality of the environment and experiences for children under three.
- Staff should make more effective use of observations and assessments to ensure they meet the learning needs of all children.
- Further develop ICT across the nursery.

- 2.3** The Quality Improvement Service visited the nursery to assess the extent to which the nursery was continuing to improve the quality of its work and more specifically to respond to the main points for action in the original Inspection Report.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Members will note that in relation to the three main points for action, good progress has been made towards meeting the first point for action and very good progress has been made towards meeting the second and third points for action.

3.2 Overall the Quality Improvement Service was satisfied that the nursery had made very good progress overall in all areas of learning and teaching under the effective leadership for learning of the management team. The Centre is very well placed to sustain and build on the improvements that they have 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 The quality monitoring and assessment procedures will continue to apply to ensure that progress is maintained and further developed.

7. Equalities Impact, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

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

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 Members are asked to:

- a) note the contents of this report; and
- b) to congratulate the staff and children of Carousel Nursery Alexandria, for their achievements as recognised by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service in the report published in March 2011.

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Appendices:	Appendix 1: Follow Through Report, Carousel Nursery Alexandria, March 2011
Background Papers:	Integrated Inspection Report by Care Commission and HM Inspectorate of Education, August 2009
Wards Affected:	Ward 1