

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Director of Housing and Technical Services

Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee: 1 March 2006

Subject: ' Buzzing for Health' Awards Ceremony

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of the forthcoming 'Buzzing for Health' school meals awards ceremony.

2. Background

- 2.1** In February 2003, Hungry for Success - A Whole School Approach to Scottish School Meals Report was published by the Scottish Executive. The report set out a series of principles and key recommendations that were required to revitalise the delivery of school meals.
- 2.2** The key recommendations sought to set out a system of National Standards under local, partnership-operated control. Local Authorities working in partnership with catering professionals, schools and the school communities – teachers, parents and pupils themselves are key agents of success in implementing these standards.
- 2.3** The standards required to be achieved in all primary schools by December 2004 and in all secondary schools by December 2006
- 2.4** The Hungry for Success – A Whole School Approach to Scottish School Meals Report made a series of key recommendations that were considered necessary to achieve full implementation of the revitalised school meal service and these are being/have been implemented by this authority.
- 2.5** Recommendation 20 stated: Education authorities should consider the introduction of staff incentive schemes to recognise innovation and celebrate success.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The new schools meals service was fully implemented in all of the Council's primary and special schools for December 2004 and work is progressing in all secondary schools. An awards ceremony to recognise the contribution made by catering and educational staff in achieving the Scottish Executive's standards was developed by the Facilities Management Section of the Council. The first ceremony was held in the Beardmore Hotel and Conference Centre, Clydebank, on Friday, 29 April 2005, where a number of staff received awards.
- 3.2** As part of the theme for school meals, the 'Healthy Bee' that was incorporated into the Council's healthy vending machine initiative was used to promote the new school meals service. It was decided that the same theme would be utilised for the awards ceremony and the title 'Buzzing for Health' became the name of the awards.
- 3.3** All schools were asked to participate in the awards scheme by submitting a written application form and independent site inspections were undertaken to determine a shortlist of applicants for the primary and secondary school sectors.
- 3.4** The Buzzing for Health Awards Scheme was such a success that it was decided to continue this initiative in year 2006 and invitation packs have been sent to all schools requesting their participation in submitting entries. All entries will be analysed and a shortlist of the best submissions will be made by independent adjudicators. The best entries will be invited to the awards ceremony where the winners will be announced.
- 3.5** The date set for the forthcoming Buzzing for Health Awards Ceremony is Friday, 16 June 2006 at the Beardmore Hotel and Conference Centre, Clydebank.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1** The awards ceremony will be funded via sponsorship from catering suppliers and Hungry for Success funding.

5. Personnel Issues

- 5.1** The event is being organised by the Hungry for Success Steering Group and is considered an ideal way of recognising innovation and celebrating success.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to note the success of the Awards Evening in 2005 and endorse plans for the 2006 event.**



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Wards Affected: All

Appendix: None

Background Papers: None

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