

West Dunbartonshire Council

Report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services

Children's Services Committee: 13 December 2006

Subject: Quarterly Performance Report

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This is the Quarterly Performance Report for the period July till September 2006 prepared by the Department of Education and Cultural Services. The report highlights our performance across services delivered by the Department.

2. Background

- 2.1** Following the practice submission which was produced by the Corporate Policy Unit and the Best Value transitional audit conducted by Audit Scotland in March 2004, an Action Plan was produced which was agreed by the Audit and Performance Review Committee and the Corporate Management Team (CMT), recommending the production of Departmental Quarterly Performance Reports.
- 2.2** Education and Cultural Services held its Quarterly Performance Review meeting on 9 November 2006. The meeting provided the Directorate with an opportunity to review performance across all service areas operating within the Department.

3. Content of Report

- 3.1** The Report highlights the measurement of performance across five key areas from July 2006 to September 2006 as follows: (Please see Appendix 1)
1. Statutory Performance Indicators
 2. Key Departmental and Performance Indicators
 3. Progress update on best value reviews (As requested by a previous committee)
 4. Performance against actions/objectives in the Service Plan
 5. Quality Systems and Inspections
- 3.2** Provided in the report are comparisons against our new Local Authority family group which consist of five local authorities who are similar in size and socio-economic factors namely,
1. Clackmannanshire Council
 2. Inverclyde Council
 3. Midlothian Council
 4. North Ayrshire Council

5. Renfrewshire Council

- 3.3** Where applicable, operational targets have been established against Statutory Performance Indicators for 2006/7 and 2007/8.

4. Personnel Implications

- 4.1** No personnel implications.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** No financial implications.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1** During the period of July 2006 till September 2006 no school HMIE inspection reports were produced. All Best Value reviews were complete, but a review of internal transport is scheduled to commence in October 2006.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1** Members are asked to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix.

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