WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 12 May 2010

Subject: Integrated Inspection by the Care Commission and HM Inspectorate of Education: Report on Follow-Through Inspection of Villa Kindergarten

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform Members of the Committee of the Follow-Through Inspection of Villa Kindergarten carried out by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service, and of the report published in March 2010, which is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following Inspection by the Care Commission and HM Inspection of Education in September 2008, 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:
 - Staff should make use of their observations and assessment information to plan next steps in children's learning;
 - The Manager should continue to develop the nursery's approaches to self-evaluation to make them more regular and systematic, and involve staff, parents and children in the process.
- **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 towards meeting the first point for action, and very good progress made towards meeting the second point for action.
- **3.2** The Quality Improvement Service was satisfied that the nursery had made very good progress in all areas of learning and teaching under the high quality leadership of the Manager. The nursery was considered to be well placed to continue the improvements achieved to date.

4. People Issues

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 Impact

7.1 No significant issues were identified in a 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) congratulate the staff and children of Villa Kindergarten, for their achievements as recognised by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service in the report published in March 2010.

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Appendices:	Appendix 1: Follow-Through Report, Villa Kindergarten, March 2010
Background Papers:	Integrated Inspection Report by Care Commission and HMI Inspectorate of Education, August 2008
Wards Affected:	Ward 4