

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 Linnvale Early Education and Childcare Centre**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members of the Committee of the Follow-Through Inspection of Linnvale Early Education and Childcare Centre 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 the Integrated Inspection in September 2007, the nursery prepared an Action Plan in discussion with West Dunbartonshire Council. The main points for action were as follows:
- The Head of Centre should develop formal systems for monitoring children's experiences and progress;
 - The Head of Centre and staff should ensure effective transitions for children moving onto primary school.
- 2.2** 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 very good progress has been made in relation to both main points for action.
- 3.2** Overall 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 Head of Centre. They conclude that 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 specific implications for Personnel. It should be noted however that the Head of Centre has now left post to take up employment in another local authority area. The post is currently filled on a temporary basis. Decisions regarding the permanent appointment to this post are dependant on decisions being taken in relation to the wider restructuring of the Early Years and Childcare Service.

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

- 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 Linnvale Early Education and Childcare Centre, 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, Linnvale Early Education and Childcare Centre, March 2010

Background Papers: Integrated Inspection Report by Care Commission and HM Inspectorate of Education, January 2008

Wards Affected: Ward 5