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**LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: WE CAN AND MUST DO  
MUCH BETTER – THE CORPORATE PARENTING FUNCTION**

A joint report was submitted by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health and the Executive Director of Educational Services providing the Council with information on the Report “Looked After Children and Young People – We Can and Must Do Much Better”.

Following discussion, the Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the priority being given to the implementation of outcomes for Looked After Children as contained in the report “Looked after Children and Young People: We Can and Must Do Much Better”;
- (2) to endorse the actions proposed to implement the work required within West Dunbartonshire, in particular, the use of the additional funding to increase the capacity of the Council to respond;
- (3) to invite Anna Fowlie, Head of Corporate Parenting at the Scottish Government to visit the Council at a mutually convenient time to brief Members and officers; and
- (4) that a report should be submitted to the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee detailing the permanent structures that are in place which allow our Looked After Young People to communicate with decision makers and have direct input, both individually and collectively, into strategies and policies developed by West Dunbartonshire Council and the Scottish Government which affects the way this Council cares for Young People.

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