

## **West Dunbartonshire Council**

### **Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services**

**Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 9 November 2011**

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**Subject: Report to accompany the presentation from Brucehill Early Education and Childcare Centre (EE&CC)**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To present to members on the excellent provision of education at Brucehill Early Education and Childcare Centre.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Brucehill Early Education and Childcare Centre was inspected in August 2011 and achieved the outstanding outcome of excellent evaluations across all aspects of its work.
- 2.2** The Head of Centre was unable to be at the September Committee and members requested that she be invited to present to the November meeting of our Education and Lifelong Learning Committee.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** Members will note that the comments contained in the inspection report of Brucehill Early Education and Childcare Centre are exceptional in terms of performance.

In particular, they highlight the excellent leadership from the head of centre and the professional commitment of the staff. Key strengths identified were:

- Confident, well-behaved and motivated children who enjoy high quality learning experiences
- Partnerships with parents, support agencies and wider community to meet learning needs and broaden children's experiences
- Exciting and stimulating outdoor learning environment which supports learning across the curriculum
- Very effective transition programme which support progression in learning across the early level
- Very effective use of self-evaluation and commitment of all staff to continuous improvement
- Inspirational and outstanding head of centre's leadership for learning

- 3.2** Members will note that in relation to the five indicators of quality all five were excellent.

**3.3** As a result of the exceptional inspection, no areas of weakness were identified and inspectors agreed that the centre and the education authority:

- Continue to build on the very effective practice and high quality experiences for all learners

**3.4** Members will note that the earlier success of the centre in receiving the national award for literacy and numeracy has been further developed as the centre seeks to embed literacy skills in its children. As a result, a group of children in the centre have authored and illustrated a children's book which is currently being produced as an item for inclusion in the Council's libraries for other children to read. This project has recently been submitted to COSLA as a nomination for an excellence award under the category of Achieving Better Outcomes.

**3.5** The Head of Centre will provide members of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee with a presentation on the work Brucehill Early Education and Childcare Centre is doing to develop the skills and confidence of the young people for whom the centre is responsible.

#### **4. People Implications**

This report has no implications for personnel.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

This report has no financial implications.

#### **6. Risk Analysis**

There are no perceived risks attached to this report.

#### **7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)**

Screening for equalities impact indicates that there are no issues.

#### **8. Strategic Assessment**

There are no issues

#### **9. Conclusions and Recommendations**

**9.1** The committee is invited:

- (a) to note the contents of this report and of the Head of Centre's presentation; and
- (b) to seek further clarification from the Head of Centre regarding any issues arising from the presentation

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**Background Paper:** HMle report on Brucehill Early Education and Childcare Centre dated 24 August 2011.

**Wards Affected:** Ward 3