

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Council considered the undernoted motion which had been submitted in accordance with the terms of Standing Order No 8:-

Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Mentoring Scheme

This Council believes that all young people need positive role models *they can relate to*; including positive role models within the education system.

This Council notes that West Dunbartonshire has an above average rate of young people who leave school and do not move on to Education, Employment or Training.

Council recognises and praises current practices in mentoring for 1st-year pupils deployed in secondary education throughout the local authority.

This Council wishes to build on this.

This Council therefore requests that the Executive Director explores the viability of developing a voluntary mentoring scheme whereby S6 pupils leaving the school for positive leaver destinations – *training, employment, higher, and further education* – are recruited, through an application process, as mentors for S2 pupils preparing to choose their Standard Grade subjects, and/or S4 pupils preparing to sit formal exams for the first time.

This will be a mutually beneficial scheme, whereby the recently graduated pupil gains community-based work experience and something positive for their CV, while the S2/S4 pupil gains a positive role model from another young person, and additional source of support and advice.

Having heard Councillor McGlinchey and Councillor Smillie, the Council agreed to approve the above motion and agreed that the Executive Director of Educational Services should prepare a report on the viability of the proposal for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.