

## **West Dunbartonshire Council**

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

**Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 13 June 2012**

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**Subject: Integrated Inspection by the Care Commission and HM  
Inspectorate of Education: Follow-Through Report on Bright  
Beginnings**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To inform Members of the Committee of the follow-through Inspection of Bright Beginnings, one of the Council's Partnership Nurseries, carried out by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service, and of the report published in April 2012.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Bright Beginnings inspection report was presented to committee in February 2009. An action plan was prepared following the inspection to address the 2 main points for action.
- 2.2** The Quality Improvement Service visited the nursery to evaluate the progress made in response to the main points for action. They visited playrooms, talked with staff and examined evidence relating to the development work that had been identified through the inspection. They also assessed the extent to which the nursery was continuing to improve the quality of its work. The final report is shared with all parents and carers and nursery staff.

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

- 3.1** Members will note that satisfactory progress has been made in relation to the first point for action. Good progress was made in the other point for action.
- Continue to develop arrangements for evaluating and monitoring the quality of provision.
  - Continue to develop staff skills in building on assessment information gathered to identify next steps in learning.
- 3.2** The Quality Improvement Team found that the nursery was making good progress overall. The manager was providing stable leadership and was a good role model. The manager knows the nursery well and is clear about what needs to be improved. She is well supported by enthusiastic and hardworking staff. The manager and West Dunbartonshire Council will prepare an additional action plan to continue the work in evaluating and monitoring the quality of provision. This plan will focus on providing a rigorous system to monitor the quality of learning and teaching.

With support the nursery is well placed to continue this work. This was having a positive impact on children's learning. The Quality Improvement Service will continue to support Bright Beginnings and ensure that the improvements achieved to date continue.

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

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 There will be no further reports in connection with the follow through inspection of Bright Beginnings published in April 2012.

#### **7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

7.1 No equalities issues were identified in relation to this report.

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

8.1 The information from this report demonstrates that the children at Bright Beginnings are benefiting from good quality learning experiences which will be a strong foundation for their future education.

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

9.1 The nursery has made good progress in relation to the recommendation of the initial inspection report and has demonstrated continuous improvement.

9.2 The committee is invited:

- a) to note the contents of this report;
- b) to congratulate the manager, senior nursery nurse, staff and children of Bright Beginnings, for their achievements as recognised by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service in the report published in April 2012.

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**Appendices:** Appendix 1 – Follow-through Inspection of Bright Beginnings

**Background Papers:** Integrated Inspection Report on Bright Beginnings

**Ward Affected:** Ward 6