

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services

Children's Services Committee: 18 April 2007

Subject: COSLA Awards 2007

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee that the Sport Development Unit have received a prestigious COSLA gold award for health improvement at a ceremony held in St Andrews at the end of March 2007.

2. Background

The COSLA Excellence Awards recognise projects that have demonstrated high levels of service within the categories listed below. The categories are used as a way of encouraging Local Government to look at methods of service delivery that are well planned, focussed on what customers want, and are efficiently delivered and creative.

The categories for the 2007 Awards programme are:

- **Category 1** Service Improvement and Customer Needs
- **Category 2** Advancing Community Well-being
- **Category 3** Health Improvement
- **Category 4** Innovative Use of Technology
- **Category 5** 'One to watch'
- **Category 6** Securing a Workforce for the Future

3. Main Issues

The Sport Development unit received the COSLA award for the delivery of an extensive programme of sport and physical activity, targeting young children of pre-school age in SIP areas within West Dunbartonshire. This very effective programme which, when costed, equates to a total cost of 33p per child. This is best value for a high quality programme. West Dunbartonshire Council are the first Sports Development unit in Scotland to deliver sports sessions within local authority Early Years and Childcare Centres.

4. Personnel Issues

There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Assessment

There are no risk implications.

7. Conclusions

Recognition by COSLA is further confirmation of the excellent services delivered by West Dunbartonshire Council's Sport Development Unit.

8. Recommendations

the Committee is invited to note the contents of this report and congratulate the work of the Sports Development Team for winning this prestigious award.

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