

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services**

**Corporate Culture Sub-Committee: 20 March 2012**

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**Subject: Mother and Child Sculpture - Garshake**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To inform the Sub-Committee of the outcome of the investigation into the whereabouts of the statue (Mother and Child), which stood outside the Council Offices, Garshake Road and was removed some time ago.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** At the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 13 December 2011, it was agreed that a report be submitted to this meeting providing information on the whereabouts of the statue (Mother and Child) which stood outside the Council offices, Garshake Road and was removed some time ago (approximately six years).

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

- 3.1** The Mother and Child Statue was produced by James Barclay, a sculptor from East Kilbride, and was originally situated at the main entrance to the Council Offices at Garshake Road, Dumbarton. Latterly, it was moved up to the corner of the raised grass area in front of the building. According to the sculptor, the sculpture in the form of a mother and child group, which was designed in an idiom sympathetic to the architectural surroundings, was symbolic of the relationship between the community and the Local Government body (the building was opened and occupied by Dunbarton County Council in 1966).
- 3.2** Although paper records have not been retained, the Property Maintenance Section has confirmed that the statue, which had deteriorated over time, was removed as it was unsafe; the internal wire mesh construction which held the cement compound together had corroded beyond repair resulting in the cracking and breakdown of the whole structure.
- 3.3** In an attempt to identify if any part of the structure had been retained/stored by the Council, extensive searches have taken place in all of the Council's depots and storage yards but nothing has been found. In the absence of any other information, it can only be assumed that the structure was taken to a landfill site for disposal.

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

- 4.1** There are no implications for employees of the Council.

## **5. Financial Implications**

**5.1** There are no financial implications for the Council.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

**6.1** There are no risks to the Council.

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

**7.1** There is no impact on any equalities groups.

## **8. Strategic Assessment**

**8.1** This report does not impact on any of the Council's strategic priorities.

## **9. Conclusions and Recommendations**

**9.1** It is regrettable that the Council has not retained the statue but given that it was unsafe and the internal supporting structure was badly corroded it is unlikely that the statue could have been repaired, even it had been retained.

**9.2** The Sub-Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

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**Wards Affected:** None

**Background Papers:** None.