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Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 November 2006
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	HMle Report - St Bride's Primary School, Bothwell
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Hamilton Area Committee of the outcome of the inspection of St Bride's Primary School by HM Inspectors.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) To note the HMle report on St Bride's Primary School.

3. Background

- 3.1 St Bride's Primary School was inspected in June 2006 as part of a national sample of primary education.
- 3.2 HM Inspectors evaluated pupils' achievements, the effectiveness of the school, the environment for learning, the school's processes for self evaluation and capacity for improvement. There was a particular focus on attainment in English language and mathematics.
- 3.3 HM Inspectors examined pupils' work and interviewed staff and pupils. They analysed questionnaires issued to all parents, staff and pupils. They also met the chairperson of the School Board, representatives of the PTA and a group of parents.

4. Findings of HM Inspectors

4.1 The inspectors made comments under the following headings:-

- Key strengths
- What are the views of parents, carers, pupils and staff?
- How good are learning, teaching and attainment?
- How well are pupils supported?
- How good is the environment for learning?
- Improving the school

4.2 Key Strengths of the school

- Polite, well behaved and highly motivated pupils who achieved well in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Pastoral care and the school's promotion of equality and fairness.
- Accommodation and facilities and their impact on the morale of pupils and staff.
- Productive relationships within the school and with parents and the wider community.
- High quality leadership provided by the headteacher and the effective support provided by the depute headteachers.
- Teamwork among staff and their commitment to improving the work of the school.

4.3 The inspectors found that the curriculum provided pupils with a broad and balanced experience and the overall quality of teaching was very good.

4.4 The school had effective arrangements in place to ensure pupils' care and welfare.

4.5 The quality of pupils' learning was very good. Attainment in English language and in mathematics was also very good.

4.6 The atmosphere and quality of relationships among pupils and staff were very positive. The school had established excellent links with the School Board, parents, the church and the wider community.

4.7 The quality of accommodation was excellent. The school is bright and attractive and provided a very welcoming environment.

4.8 Inspectors recognised that the school has a strong record for improvement and praised the high quality of leadership and direction provided by the headteacher. Other promoted staff provided the headteacher with very good support.

4.9 The school and the education authority will continue to provide high quality and improving education. In doing so they will take account of the need to address the following main points for action:-

- Ensure that the training needs of support staff are met.
- Improve the approach to assessment in listening and talking at class and whole school levels.

4.10 The school and the education authority are preparing an action plan which will indicate how they will address the main findings of the report. Within two years of the publication of the report the education authority working with the school will provide a progress report to parents.

5. Employee Implications

5.1 None

6. Financial Implications

6.1 None

7. Other Implications

7.1 None

8. Consultation

- 8.1 Consultation has taken place with the School Board, local elected members and staff.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Learning in the Community
- Supporting Communities

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

HMle Report on the inspection of St Bride's Primary School, Bothwell

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