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Report to:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	5 October 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	HMIe Report – Calderwood Primary School
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the outcome of the inspection of Calderwood Primary School by HMIe Inspectors

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) to note the HMIe Report on Calderwood Primary School.

3. Background

- 3.1. Calderwood Primary was inspected in March 2010 as part of a national sample of primary education.
- 3.2. The inspection team observed lessons, spoke with pupils, parents and staff.
- 3.3. The report by HM Inspectorate was published on 27 April 2010.

4. Findings of HM Inspectors

4.1. HMIe made comment under the following headings:

- Particular strengths of the school
- Examples of good practice
- How well do children learn and achieve?
- How well do staff work with others to support children's learning?
- Are staff and children actively involved in improving their school community?
- Does the school have high expectations of all children?
- Does the school have a clear sense of direction?

4.2. HM Inspectors found that Calderwood Primary School provided children with an appropriately broad curriculum and well structured learning experiences and that staff work effectively with parents to support their children's learning.

- 4.3. The key strengths of the school were identified as follows:
- Friendly, confident and well-behaved children who are enthusiastic learners.
 - Children's wider achievements.
 - Staff commitment to continuous improvement and their engagement in the life and work of the school.
 - Partnerships with parents and the wider community.
 - The headteacher's highly-effective leadership in bringing about improvement and change.
- 4.4. Children are highly motivated and enthusiastic about their learning. The confident children enjoy their successes in learning and feel valued and respected in the school, which has a warm, purposeful atmosphere.
- 4.5. Links with local businesses and members of the community enrich and extend children's learning experiences.
- 4.6. Children are provided with a wide range of experiences related to health and well being and have formed responsible attitudes towards the environment.
- 4.7. Many children achieve national levels of attainment earlier than expected.
- 4.8. Staff have made a very good start to developing the curriculum in line with *Curriculum for Excellence* particularly in relation to literacy and numeracy throughout the curriculum and also in linking and planning a range of curricular areas with the children.
- 4.9. The focus on learning outdoors was commended.
- 4.10. HMI identified the following as an area for improvement with the school and education authority:
- Build on existing good practice to provide children with consistently high-quality learning experiences and continue to raise standards of attainment
- 4.11. This point for action has been incorporated into the school's improvement plan. The plan will also address other areas for development identified in the Inspectors' report. Progress on the identified action point will be shared with parents.
- 4.12. HMI have intimated that they are confident that the school with support from the education authority will be able to make the necessary improvements and will make no more visits in connection with this inspection.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None

7. Other Implications

7.1. There are no direct risks associated with this report which is provided for information only.

7.2. There are no significant sustainability issues in connection with the recommendations contained within this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. There is no requirement to carry out an assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Raise educational attainment for all
- Increase involvement in lifelong learning
- Improve the lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Improve health and increase physical activity

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

- HMIE Report of Calderwood Primary

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