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Report to:	Equal Opportunities Forum
Date of Meeting:	7 June 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject:	John Walker Equal Opportunities Competition 2011
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the forum of the format and theme of the 2011 John Walker Equal Opportunities Competition

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the report be noted.

3. Background

3.1. Based on the theme of '**Challenging socio-economic disadvantage and poverty,**' young people from P6/7 and S1/2 were invited to give a short presentation outlining how they would make this a reality in their school by taking forward a campaign to combat inequality and promote social justice where everyone has opportunity and is included in our society.

4. The Competition

- 4.1. There was an encouraging number of entries for the competition and short leeting was carried out by a panel from Education Resources, the Trades Council and the Youth Council.
- 4.2. Of those that entered, five primary and five secondary schools were selected to participate in the final by giving presentations to a group of invited guests in the Council Offices, Hamilton on Monday 24 May 2011.
- 4.3. The judging panel consisted of representatives from the Youth Council, the Trades Council and the Chair of the Equal Opportunities Forum.
- 4.4. The winning teams were Heatheryknowe Primary School, East Kilbride and Trinity High School, Rutherglen.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. Funding from this competition is met from the Equal Opportunities Budget.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The risk to the Council is that if the Council does not have due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty it may lead to non-compliance with equalities legislation. This can now carry unlimited financial penalties.
- 7.2. Participation in the event helps schools to meet the requirements of the Gender Equality Duty. It is also a suitable focus for schools as under the Curriculum of Excellence young people are encouraged to be responsible citizens.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. There was also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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24 May 2011

Link(s) to Council Objectives

- ◆ Fair and open
- ◆ People focused
- ◆ Tackling disadvantage and deprivation

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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