

## **Suspension of Testing of Primary One Pupils**

### **Notice of Motion**

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 3 December 2018, proposed by Councillor Richard Nelson, seconded by Councillor Martin Hose, as follows:-

“South Lanarkshire Council acknowledges the Scottish Parliament’s vote of 19 September to call on the Scottish Government to halt testing of children in their first year of primary school. Council notes that the parliamentary motion was informed by feedback from parents, children and the EIS teaching union in support of more play based learning.

While recognising that good-quality assessment is essential to raising educational standards, this Council understands the high levels of concern raised by teachers, other education professionals, parents and elected representatives regarding the introduction and delivery of new testing arrangements for primary one pupils. Council believes that formal standardised testing is essential in primary four and primary seven but cannot deliver the same meaningful results in primary one, and so should not be conducted at that stage.

Therefore, the chief executive is instructed to ascertain the options available to South Lanarkshire Council as an education authority, in relation to suspension of testing of primary one pupils, and to provide a report for consideration at the next meeting of the full council.”