



Item: 9

Education, Leisure and Housing Committee: 2 April 2025.

Care Inspectorate Visit – Hope Nursery.

Report by Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.

1. Overview

- 1.1. On 17 September 2024, the Care Inspectorate undertook an unannounced inspection of Hope Nursery.
- 1.2. The inspection team gave the following key messages:
 - Children benefited from a nurturing inspiring environment.
 - Children were developing their curiosity, imagination and problem-solving skills through high quality play experiences.
 - Children were very happy and engaged and having fun in various activities, both indoors and outdoors.
 - Children experienced very warm, caring and nurturing support from staff who knew them very well.
 - Staff worked well as a team and were committed to providing children with a service of very high standard.
 - Positive relationships with families supported continuity of care and effective partnerships.
 - The manager and staff were committed to the ongoing development of the service.
- 1.3. The four key quality indicators from the Care Inspectorate Quality Framework used in the inspection were as evaluated as follows:
 - How good is our play, care and learning? – Very good.
 - How good is our setting? – Very good.
 - How good is our leadership? – Very good.
 - How good is our staff team? – Very good.
- 1.4. The report was very positive. The Care Inspectorate highlighted key strengths and made no recommendations.

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that members of the Committee:

- i. Note the report in respect of Hope Primary School Nursery, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, completed by the Care Inspectorate on 17 September 2024.

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Implications of Report

1. **Financial** – Not applicable.
2. **Legal** – Not applicable.
3. **Corporate Governance** – Not applicable.
4. **Human Resources** – Not applicable.
5. **Equalities** – Equality Impact Assessment is not required for performance reporting.
6. **Island Communities Impact** – Island Communities Impact Assessment is not required for performance reporting.
7. **Links to Council Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Council Plan strategic priorities:
 - Growing our economy.
 - Strengthening our communities.
 - Developing our infrastructure.
 - Transforming our council.
8. **Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities:
 - Cost of Living.
 - Sustainable Development.
 - Local Equality.
 - Improving Population Health.
9. **Environmental and Climate Risk** – Not applicable
10. **Risk** -Not applicable
11. **Procurement** - Not applicable
12. **Health and Safety** - Not applicable
13. **Property and Assets** - Not applicable
14. **Information Technology** - Not applicable
15. **Cost of Living** - Not applicable

List of Background Papers

None.

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Care Inspectorate Inspection Report Hope Primary School Nursery.