

## **Item: 10**

**Education, Leisure and Housing Committee: 6 September 2023.**

**Care Inspectorate - St Andrews Nursery.**

**Report by Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To advise of findings of the recent Care Inspectorate inspection of St Andrews Nursery undertaken in April 2023.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Committee is invited note:

#### **2.1.**

That, on 24 and 25 April 2023, the Care Inspectorate undertook an inspection of St Andrews Nursery.

#### **2.2.**

That four key quality indicators from the Care Inspectorate Quality Framework were used in the inspection, with the evaluations for St Andrews Nursery as follows:

- How good is out care, play 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.

The Committee is invited to scrutinise:

#### **2.3.**

The inspection report for St Andrews Nursery, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, together with next steps outlined in section 5 of this report, in order to obtain assurance.

### **3. Background**

#### **3.1.**

The newly constructed nursery at St Andrews has recently been finished, and the nursery team moved into the new space over the Easter Holidays. The new nursery had been open three days when the Care Inspectorate arrived on 24 April to inspect the setting. All Care Inspectorate inspections are unannounced.

### **3.2.**

For St Andrews Nursery, the grades were as follows:

- How good is our care, play 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.

## **4. Summary of Inspection**

### **4.1.**

Inspectors noted the beautiful and recently constructed nursery, which looked welcoming and attractive and was resourced with high quality materials and furnishings. They identified the strong leadership at the setting which had led to a culture of continuous improvement. The inspection team highlighted the following key strengths in the setting's work.

- Children were supported with kindness, care, and nurturing approaches that supported their overall wellbeing.
- Children were offered appetising and nutritious lunches and snacks and experienced positive mealtimes which promoted their independence and self-help skills.
- Children were meaningfully and actively involved in leading their play and learning.
- The indoor learning environment was attractive and structured to support children's age and stage of development.
- The outdoor environment was under construction. However, children were able to play outside in a designated safe play area.
- The service was well led and quality assurance, including self-evaluation and improvement plans, were in place to support continuous improvement of the service.

### **4.2.**

No requirements or recommendations were made. The manager and practitioners will continue to develop the setting in line with good practice guidance.

## **5. Summary and Next Steps**

Local Authority officers from the early years team will continue to engage with the manager and practitioners as they develop the setting.

## **6. Corporate Governance**

This report relates to the Council complying with governance and scrutiny and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for

communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

## **7. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly from the recommendations to this report.

## **8. Legal Aspects**

There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

## **9. Contact Officers**

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## **10. Appendix**

Appendix 1: Care Inspectorate Inspection report for St Andrews Nursery.