



## AIM

The aim of this project is the creation of an after school care and nursery service within the Peninsula West area.

## OUTPUTS

By the end of this project, the outputs that could be achieved are:

- The provision of nursery places for children aged 6 months to school age and the provision of a number of after school club places

## OUTCOMES

The associated outcomes would be:

- More opportunities for parents to access employment through the provision of affordable, local childcare
- More facilities in the Peninsula West area to attract families with young children to settle in the area

## NEED FOR PROJECT

### STATISTICAL EVIDENCE OF NEED

While there is a lower proportion of under 16 year olds in the Peninsula West area than in both Argyll and Bute and Scotland, 29.7% of all households in the Peninsula West area contain dependent children. This is slightly higher than the 26.8% and 28.2% rate of household with dependent children in Argyll and Bute and Scotland respectively.

Of the 1257 economically active people resident in the Rosneath, Clynder and Kilcreggan area, 67% leave the area for work or study, 6% do not work or study and only 27% work in the area (Census, 2001). 56% of the 581 parents in the Rosneath, Clynder and Kilcreggan area are part of a couple with dependent children and both working (Census, 2001). This affects the need for an after school care/nursery service as there are high levels of working parents and people leaving the area to access employment.

## CURRENT PROVISION IN AREA

Kilcreggan Primary School has a Pre Five Unit which provides care for three to five year olds between 9.30am and 11.30am Monday to Friday. There is also a private nursery, Kiddlywinks Nursery, located in Clynder for two to five year olds which operates Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm. There are four nurseries, two out of school care providers and two crèches located in Helensburgh but nothing nearer to the Peninsula West area. Every Wednesday during term times there is a 'stay and play' toddler group at Cove Burgh Hall for 0 to 5 year olds.

## COMMUNITY DEMAND FOR PROJECT

### COMMUNITY SURVEY

While crèche facilities/after school care was rated as the second employment priority overall and by Kilcreggan respondents, those from Ardpeaton, Peaton and other selected this as their top employment priority. Crèche facilities/after school care was selected as a top employment priority by almost a third of all respondents to the survey and 60% of respondents selected this option as one of their top three employment priorities.

### COMMUNITY PRIORITISATION EVENT

Of those present at the community day that did answer the relevant question, 86% indicated that they would use a nursery/preschool/after school care facility at least three days a week, with 38% suggesting they would use this facility five days a week.

## RELEVANT POLICIES

The Scottish Government's Early Years Framework recognises the right of all young children to high quality relationships, environments and services which offer a holistic approach to meeting their needs. This holistic approach encompasses play, learning, social relationships and emotional and physical wellbeing. The development of an after school care/nursery facility in the Peninsula West area could contribute towards the achievement of the following aims of the framework:

- Parents are supported to access employment and training to help reduce the risk of child poverty, including through the provision of flexible, accessible and affordable childcare
- Ensuring all children have the same outcomes and the same opportunities
- Engagement and empowerment of children, families and communities
- Helping children, families and communities to secure outcomes for themselves

An after school care/nursery facility could contribute to the Scottish Government's National Outcome and Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement of 'our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed'. The project could support the aim of the Argyll and Bute Local Plan 'to reduce and ameliorate the effects of peripherality – by encouraging the expansion of local facilities throughout Argyll and Bute'.

## POTENTIAL PROJECT

The Trust could support a not for profit community nursery based in the Rainbow Centre with an after school care project linked to this or based in the school.

### CURRENT OWNERSHIP OF STE

Rainbow Centre is currently owned by Dumbarton District Council

## POTENTIAL FUNDERS

**Big Lottery Fund Growing Community Assets** ([www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)) may be a possible source of funding for capital and ongoing revenue costs where the community owns and controls the project as a social enterprise.

**NHS Highland** (Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership, [www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk)) and **Argyll and Bute Council** are potential sources of support and funding where there is a strategic and social need for child care provision (as opposed to purely commercial enterprise). Liaison with strategic partners to identify needs and potential ongoing support is crucial.

**BBC Children In Need** is able to cover costs for projects to improve children's quality of life where there is strong evidence of disadvantage. In this case perhaps rural disadvantage may be an element to emphasise. Some capital elements may be eligible but main focus would be on staff costs.

## POTENTIAL PARTNERS

**Kilcreggan Primary Pre-five Unit** – The Trust should work in partnership with the existing pre-five unit in Kilcreggan to ensure there is no duplication of services. The Trust could also determine if and where the Trust could further develop the existing provision to establish a more comprehensive nursery and after school care provision in the Kilcreggan area.

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

### CAIRNDOW COMMUNITY CHILDCARE

Cairndow Community Childcare is a small rural centre providing childcare for residents and visitors in a safe, stimulating and friendly environment. It is run as a community business and provides affordable childcare including pre school education, after school care and holiday clubs as a facility for the local area.

### HAPPY DAYS COMMUNITY NURSERY AND SAFE 'TIL SIX OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

The community nursery and after school care organisations operate within Maryhill Community Central Hall and are managed by a voluntary board of directors. Happy Days Community Pre-school Nursery has been operating since 1991 and is now registered to provide education and care for 49 children aged 0-5 with 10 members of staff employed in the nursery. The Safe 'til Six Out of School Care was set up in 1977 by a group of local parents concerned about the number of children going home alone and is now registered to care for 89 children aged 5-14.

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