

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 5** 

Report To: Inverclyde Council Date: 1 December 2016

Report By: Chief Executive Report No: RMcG/LP/151/16

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Subject: Education Psychologists in Scottish Schools - Motion by East

**Dunbartonshire Council** 

## 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Council to consider the attached from East Appendix Dunbartonshire Council requesting that the Council give consideration to its motion regarding education psychologists in Scottish schools.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Council is asked to consider the attached motion from East Dunbartonshire Council.

**Aubrey Fawcett Chief Executive** 

## APPENDIX

SENT ON BEHALF OF GERRY CORNES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

All Scottish Councils Council Leaders / Chief Executives

Dear Council Leader / Chief Executive

**EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGISTS IN SCOTTISH SCHOOLS** 

At its meeting on 10 November 2016 East Dunbartonshire Council unanimously agreed the following motion:-

This Council:-

- a. Recognises the invaluable nature of the role played by educational psychologists in Scottish
- b. Notes that the number of pupils identified with additional needs (ASN) has increased dramatically throughout Scotland in recent years.
- Instructs the Chief Executive to write to John Swinney, Education Secretary, asking him to investigate measures, including the reintroduction of educational psychologist bursaries; to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of educational psychologists to meet present and future demands in all Scottish schools.
- d. Instructs the Chief Executive to send a copy of this Motion to all Scottish Councils for their consideration.

Consequently I am writing to you, as instructed by the Council, to ask that your Council give consideration to this motion regarding education psychologists in Scottish schools.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours faithfully

**GERRY CORNES Chief Executive** 

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