***Consultation – Establishment of a catchment area for primary Gaelic provision***

***in Whinhill Primary School***

***Tuesday 22 February 2022 ~ Whinhill Primary School***

***Note of meeting***

Separate register taken

R Binks welcomed everyone.

Introductions.

R Binks shared presentation providing overview of the consultation process:

* The Schools Consultation Act tells us that if a Council wishes to vary a catchment area for its schools they have to undertake statutory consultation.
* The consultation period opened on 01 February 2022 and will close on 18 March 2022
* As well as opportunities to respond online there are two public meetings.
* Education Scotland then receive the relevant results of the consultation and have 3 weeks to prepare their own report.
* The final report will then be collated and taken to the first Education Committee after the May 2022 election.
* If taken forward the proposed changes will take effect from August 2022.

R Binks shared why we are making changes and what they are:

* There is currently no identified catchment area for Gaelic Primary education in Inverclyde.
* This means that all pupils currently attend primary Gaelic medium education by means of a placing request
* The change is that the catchment area for Whinhill Primary Gaelic provision will be the whole of Inverclyde Council.
* Pupils who wish to attend Gaelic medium education in Inverclyde will no longer need to submit a placing request and will be entitled to transport in line with the Inverclyde transport policy for schools

Opportunity for questions as noted below. R Binks also indicated that if anyone had questions they wished to ask privately they could ask at the end of the meeting.

No questions raised regarding the establishment of a catchment area for primary Gaelic provision in Whinhill Primary School.

All present were in agreement that the proposal regarding the Whinhill Gaelic provision catchment area was a good idea.

R Binks thanked everyone for coming along.