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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Consultation on Proposals for the Establishment of Area Support Teams**

I refer to the above consultation and would advise that consideration was given to this matter at a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council's Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee held on 21 September 2011.

I would inform you that the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee agreed to support the West Dunbartonshire Children's Panel Advisory Committee's (CPAC) response to the consultation, a copy of which is enclosed.

As you will see, in its response, the CPAC has indicated that it agrees with the National Convener's proposal for an Area Support Team (AST) to be established comprising of East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire. However, the CPAC also proposes that sub-committees should be established for each constituent local authority in the AST and that each sub-committee should separately have responsibility for the recruitment, reappointment, monitoring and pastoral care/support of panel members in its area.

It is noted that the new legislation makes it clear that ASTs will have the power to form sub-committees but does not specify the level of delegation permitted to such sub-committees. In this respect, the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee has requested that clarification be provided on the powers which an AST may delegate to any sub-committees which it may establish.

Yours faithfully

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