

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILEDUCATION COMMITTEE9 JUNE 2016Report by Director of EducationTHE NAME OF THE NEW DENOMINATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IN NEWTON MEARNs.**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek elected members agreement on a name for the new denominational primary school in Newton Mearns.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. Elected members are asked to:
- a) agree to the name of St. Clare's Primary School.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Members will be aware of the need for a new denominational primary school to serve the Newton Mearns south area and the statutory education consultation which took place in 2014 / 15 to establish a faith schools' joint campus on a site in Waterfoot Road.

4. Considerable consultation has taken place with regards to the design of the school with both the Jewish and the Catholic faith communities and work has recently started on the site to ensure the campus is delivered in time for the new school session starting in August 2017.

**REPORT**

5. The formal consultation offered the opportunity to suggest names for the new Catholic primary but was this element of the exercise proved inconclusive. Subsequently in February 2015 elected members approved a recommendation for the Director of Education to agree with the Catholic Church and pupils of St. Cadoc's Primary School the name of the new denominational (Catholic) primary school and report such to a future meeting of the Education Committee

6. It was agreed with Bishop Keenan, Bishop of the Diocese of Paisley, that the pupils would suggest a few names for the consideration of the whole school roll. Thereafter, children would be asked to investigate each saint and then vote to be able to make a suggestion to the Bishop for his consideration.

7. The Pupil Council of St. Cadoc's Primary School chose four names i.e. St. Clare, St. Cecilia, St Dominic and St. Christopher. They voted on Wednesday 4 May with St. Clare the most popular choice with 287 votes.

8. Thereafter the Head Teacher and the pupil council wrote to the Bishop informing him of the outcome and he in turn confirmed to the Director of Education in his view the new school should be named St. Clare.

## FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no financial or efficiency implications related to this report.

## RECOMMENDATION

10. Elected members are asked to:

- a) agree to the name of St. Clare's Primary School.

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Director of Education  
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### Background Papers

1. Report to Education Committee: Future Denominational (Catholic) Primary School with Non-denominational Prefive Provision in Newton Mearns and Relocation of Calderwood Lodge Primary School and Nursery Class to Waterfoot Road, Newton Mearns – Consultation report on the Consultative Proposal, February 2015