

**Williamston Primary School Parent Council**

**Meeting – Monday 19 January 2026**

**Report from Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick**

Trust you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break.

We took a short break to London 4 – 7 January 2026

- Sadly missed – Kathleen Dalyell, former Lord Lieutenant of West Lothian
- John Wallace – celebrated brass performer who gave much free time to support W.L. Schools Bras Band
- Visited 10 Downing Street to meet PM
- Happenstance meeting – Michael MacKenzie, great, great, great grandson of James Paraffin Young.
- Await £15m confirmation from Scottish Government toward St Kent's RAAC remediation cost of £35.
- Lanthorn remediation completed
- Council Public Consultation over 10,000 suggestions/28,400 comments
- New £140m Scottish Local Growth Fund amount – Edinburgh and South East Scotland being allocated £37.8m
- School defibrillators – update ... “The Responsible Person”, need to check battery at least every month
- WLC Employee Survey – highly positive
- Woodland Trust – consulting on Dedridge Wood Management Plan they will attend Livingston South LAC on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am.

**EDUCATION** – validated self-evaluation – Good for Cedarbank ASN secondary 91 pupils, 18 teaching staff, 21 advanced pupil support

- Reported Outcome of Summer Programme 2025, the impact of delivered activities on the wellbeing of children & young people in West Lothian
- Progress in Education Attainment/Strategy for 2023/28 update
- The JYHS 2<sup>nd</sup> place in National Maths Challenge – superb achievement

**COUNCIL TAX** – Council have responded to Scottish Government on the future of Council Tax in Scotland

**DECRIMINALISED PARKING** – Decriminalised Parking and Power/Parking Enforcement – Council Executive agreed to move towards a draft business case approval, prior to submission to Transport Scotland

**COUNCILS LDP2** – rejected by Scottish Government Reporter

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