

ECYE6. Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) – 2020 Expansion Plan Update

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing an update on ELC expansion plans and progress along with details of new, wider and individual proposals which supported the wider ELC expansion. An updated progress report in the projects associated with the 1140 Hours Expansion Programme was appended to the report.

An update was provided for each of the eight major projects:-

- Hallglen ELC Centre
- Kinnaird ELC Campus
- Inchlair Amalgamated Site
- Callendar Business Park Nursery
- Woodburn ELC Centre
- Victoria Primary School – Nursery Class
- Kinglass Social Work Office
- Provision of Extended Day and All Year Establishment in Carron/Carronshore Area

The report sought to roll out across all early years establishments the Marvellous Mealtimes in Falkirk Project following on from the positive reviews and assessments received in relation to the workstream. The report also sought approval of proposals which were contained in a funding bid submitted to the Scottish Government for Falkirk's share of the £4m additional funding. The bid totalled £123,840 and provided for the following short-term project support:-

- Temporary ELC Pedagogue – to support training and the establishment of a Training Academy
- Temporary Central Assessor – to monitor and oversee the ELC staff training programme
- Temporary Workforce Development Assistant – to provide administrative support for the two posts above

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive:-

- (1) noted the overall content of the progress report;**
- (2) agreed the roll out of the “Marvellous Mealtimes in Falkirk” project across all of the early years establishment;**
- (3) agreed the proposals contained in the funding bid submitted to the Scottish Government for Realising Change Funding, and**
- (4) noted the updated financial position of the Early Learning and Childcare expansion project.**