

EE6. NURSERY PROVISION

The Education Executive considered a Report by the Director of Education which provided an update on the progress made in developing nursery provision, outlined the current provision and proposed a way forward for further development.

The Report provided detailed information on nursery provision on a cluster-by-cluster basis with recommendations for future developments as resources allow.

Information was also provided on the challenges surrounding the announcement by the Scottish Government that they plan to legislate for an increase in the funded annual provision from 475 hours pre-school education for 3 and 4 year olds to a minimum annual provision of 600 hours early learning and childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to develop proposals for the Bo'ness, Graeme and Larbert clusters for further consideration by the Education Executive, and**
- (2) that admissions are prioritised as outlined in paragraph 4.3 of the Report.**