

EE35. POLITICAL LITERACY AND THE REFERENDUM ON INDEPENDENCE FOR SCOTLAND

The Education Executive considered a report by the joint Acting Director of Education which set out how Education Services and Falkirk schools plan to address the issues of political literacy and the referendum on independence for Scotland.

Political literacy is an important component of the Curriculum for Excellence and is central to citizenship education. The issue of political literacy has been given added significance by the referendum on independence for Scotland which will take place on 18 September 2014 as 16 and 17 year olds will be entitled to vote. A strategy paper has been developed to assist schools in developing political literacy amongst pupils and prepare them for the referendum. The strategy paper was attached as an appendix to the report for approval.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed to:-

- 1) note the Curriculum for Excellence Briefing 14 and the guidance ‘Political literacy and the referendum on independence for Scotland’, and**
- 2) approve the strategy paper ‘Educating Young People for the Referendum in Falkirk Schools’.**