

EE23. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANSION OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE TO 600HRS PER ANNUM

The Education Executive considered a report by the Joint Acting Director of Education which (a) provided an update on the implementation of Phase 1 for the increase in the entitlement to nursery provision for 3 and 4 year olds from 475 to 600 hours from August 2014 in accordance with the Scottish Government's commitment; and (b) sought approval for commencing the implementation of Phase 2 for 2 year olds from workless families from 31 October 2014.

The report outlined the completion of the expansion of Kinnaird and Maddiston Primary School nursery classes providing up to 60 places, that all nursery classes now provided 3 hours 10 minutes per day in expanded provision and with associated capital investment in all wards.

Decision

The Education Executive:-

(1) noted:-

- (a) the updated position on meeting Phase 1 of the Implementation Plan as detailed in section 2 the report;**
- (b) the eligibility criteria as detailed in section 4 of the report;**
- (c) the estimated additional capacity required for 2 year olds from workless households as detailed in section 6 of the report; and**
- (d) the additional capital and revenue funding received as detailed in section 8.1 of the report; and**

(2) agreed:-

- (a) the proposals of Education Services to commence implementation of Phase 2 of the expanded provision for 2 year olds from "workless or job seeking households" as detailed in section 3 of the report;**
- (b) that Service Plans meet the estimated shortfall as detailed in section 7 of the report;**
- (c) that proposed revenue and capital expenditure, including staff recruitment as detailed in section 8.2 and 8.3 of the report; and**
- (d) the next steps/way forward as detailed in section 10 of the report.**