

## **EE24. PROVISION OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN P1-3 IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

The Education Executive considered a report by the Joint Acting Director of Education which (a) confirmed the Scottish Government commitment that all children with P1 to 3 with primary schools would be eligible to receive free school meals from January 2015; and (b) provided information on the Education Service's plans to implement the initiative whilst highlighting the challenges ahead.

The report outlined:-

- the current provision of the schools meals service and the associated uptake levels;
- the Government assumptions within their initial baseline calculations;
- the challenges for the Council in relation to the implementation of proposals including calculating the additional meals required and meeting the increased food production and dining room capacities; and
- the Scottish Government revenue and capital funding available and the revenue and capital costs to be incurred by the Council.

### **Decision**

**The Education Executive:-**

- (1) noted the content of the report; and**
- (2) agreed that Education Services progress the rollout and implementation of free school meals for all P1-P3 pupils from January 2015, within the revenue and capital resources available.**