

EE39. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANSION OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE TO 600 HOURS PER ANNUM

The Education Executive considered a report by the joint acting Director of Education on the progress to date on the expansion of early learning and childcare to 600 hours per annum and seeking approval to review the Early Years Admission Policy.

The current Early Years Admission Policy does not allow for reserved places to be retained for children moving into the catchment area during the session. It was proposed that a review be undertaken to consider whether a change could be made to the policy to introduce reserved places.

The Council is also required by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 to provide 600 hours early learning and child care for 2 year old children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. A summary of the actions required to manage the anticipated increase in provision was set out, including additional financial and resource implications.

In order to allow for future capacity expansion needs, the proposed provision at Beancross and Denny Primary Schools require to be changed to Rannoch Nursery and Denny Nursery.

Decision

The Education Executive:-

(1) noted the:-

- (a) implementation position as detailed in sections 2 and 3 of the report, and**
- (b) financial position as detailed in section 4 of the report; and**

(2) agreed:-

- (a) to review the Early Years Admission Policy as set out in section 2.3 of the report;**
- (b) the change of locations as detailed in section 3.4 of the report, and**
- (c) the next steps/way forward as set out in section 6 of the report.**