

EE46. SCHOOL/CAMPUS BASED POLICE OFFICERS

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking approval to extend the provision of school or campus based Police Officers to each Falkirk Council secondary school.

School based Police Officers had been located at Larbert High School from 2007/08 and at Denny High School from 2008/09 as part of a pilot project. On 21 August 2012 the former Education Committee agreed to extend the provision to three further secondary schools; Braes, Falkirk and Grangemouth. Benefits which arise from the provision of school based Police Officers had been recognised through academic research by Ipsos MORI and through the recent review of Children's Services in Falkirk. Details of these benefits were provided as an appendix to the report.

The report also provided information relating to the objectives, role and outcomes of school based Police Officers along with the financial implications of the proposal to increase provision across all eight secondary schools. Funding for the proposal would be met by Police Scotland and Children's Services, with Children's Services funding two of the eight posts at a total cost of c£84,000. This cost would be met from each school's devolved budget and from the Children's Services revenue budget.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to extend provision of school based Police Officers as outlined in Section 3 of the report at an additional cost to Children's Services of c£49,000 per annum, and**
- (2) that the Director of Children's Services review the operation and outcomes from the deployment of a Police Officer in all 8 secondary schools, in conjunction with the Head Teachers at the end of the 2015/16 term.**