

EE13. Delivering Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education – A Delivery Plan for Scotland

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing an update on the Scottish Government's delivery plan for Scottish education which was published in late June. The plan set out how the Scottish Government intends to deliver excellence and equity in education for children in Scotland.

The delivery plan would have considerable implications for the way in which education is delivered. The plan contained a number of actions which are focused around three key priorities, namely:

- closing the attainment gap
- ensuring we have a curriculum which delivers for our children and teachers, and
- empowering our teachers, schools and communities to deliver for children and young people

The report also highlighted the Scottish Government's launch of a Governance Review alongside the Programme for Government which will take place in September 2016.

Councillor Nimmo, seconded by Councillor C Martin, moved that:-

The Education Executive agrees:

- (1) to note the publication of the plan, and
- (2) to request that the Director of Children's Services provides further reports on emerging issues associated with the national plan and its implementation in Falkirk.

Following discussion, Councillor Nimmo, with the consent of Councillor C Martin, as his seconder, adjusted the terms of his motion to include the following clause:-

- (3) that a letter be sent to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills advising that the Council has the gravest concerns regarding the proposals contained within the "Delivering Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education – a Delivery Plan for Scotland".

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Spears, moved the following amendment:-

To delete from clause 3 of the motion "the gravest concerns" and to substitute therefor "some concerns".

On a division 8 members voted for the motion and 2 for the amendment, with the voting as follows:-

For the motion (8) – Councillors Blackwood, D Goldie, Gow, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Nicol and Nimmo; and Margaret Coutts (Religious Representative).

For the amendment (2) – Councillors Alexander and Spears.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed the motion.