

EE21. Regional Collaborative

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services detailing the proposals for the establishment of Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RIC) for Education, which were agreed by COSLA and the Scottish Government on 29 September 2017, following work undertaken during the summer, by a joint local government steering group.

A report by the Joint Steering Group setting out the interim conclusions of its work to date, the scope of the intended work of RICs, and the guiding principles and functions of the RICs was attached as an appendix to the report.

Information was provided on work to establish a RIC between Falkirk, Clackmannanshire, Stirling and West Lothian Councils, which will be named Forth Valley and West Lothian Improvement Collaborative.

The report detailed the requirement to appointment a Regional Lead Officer from within the existing workforce of the participating councils and the work undertaken to progress this secondment. Falkirk Council's Director of Children's Services had been appointed Regional Lead Officer for the Forth Valley and West Lothian Improvement Collaborative.

Decision

The Education Executive:-

- (1) agreed that Falkirk Council's Children's Services enters into a Regional Improvement Collaborative for Education with Clackmannanshire, Stirling and West Lothian Councils;**
- (2) noted that this Regional Improvement Collaborative will be named the Forth Valley and West Lothian Improvement Collaborative;**
- (3) noted that the Chief Executives of the four councils and the Chief Inspector of HMiE have jointly agreed to second the Director of Children's Services to the role of Lead Officer for the Forth Valley and West Lothian Improvement Collaborative;**
- (4) agreed that a launch event will be arranged to involve representatives of the four participating councils;**
- (5) agreed that the Regional Lead Officer submit a further report to the next meeting of the Education Executive detailing the initial agreed areas of focus for the work of the collaborative; and**
- (6) agreed that the Director of Children's Services will arrange a briefing session for all elected members on the establishment of Regional Improvement Collaboratives for Education.**