

EE22. Early Learning & Childcare – Expansion Plan

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services presenting the Council's proposed Early Years and Childcare (ELC) Expansion Plan to deliver 1140 hours of ELC provision by 2020. The report summarised the impact and future challenges for Children's Services to ensure delivery of the expansion plan.

Falkirk Council's Strategic Expansion Plan was attached as an appendix to the report which had been submitted to the Scottish Government, by the deadline of 29 September 2017.

The Strategic Expansion Plan sets out the background and strategic aims, the summary of consultations undertaken, the proposals for future ELC delivery model, and the phased implementation of the plan.

Decision

The Education Executive:

- (1) endorsed Falkirk's high level Strategic Expansion Plan as submitted to the Scottish Government (as per Appendix 1);**
- (2) agreed the Strategic approach taken and model adopted to expand ELC provision within Falkirk;**
- (3) noted that the ELC Expansion Plan will be the subject of on-going discussions with the Scottish Government, the Scottish Futures Trust and the Improvement Service, and**
- (4) agreed that the Director of Children's Services provide regular updates to the Education Executive on plans and progress with ELC expansion as they develop.**