

EX102. Corporate Parenting

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided an update on the implementation of the Council's Corporate Parenting Duties and progress with development of a Family Firm Approach.

The development of a Family Firm Approach was a recommendation made by the Scrutiny Panel which examined outcomes for looked after children. Children's Services had engaged the services of MCR Pathways to provide an employability training programme focused on looked after children. The following principles had been agreed:-

- Falkirk Family Firm will include a range of provision which young people can choose from depending on their individual needs
- support in school, guaranteed work experience, mentoring and modern apprenticeships will be provided
- support will be person centred and flexible
- expansion of the Council's guaranteed interview scheme will be explored
- all areas of the Council will be assisted to provide opportunities
- priority will be given to those for whom the Council is corporate parent

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) the continued focus on the three identified Corporate Parenting priorities as outlined in the Integrated Children's Services Plan;**
- (2) that progress on implementing the Council's Corporate Parenting duties be reported annually to the Executive, and**
- (3) that the proposals for the Family Firm Approach summarised in Section 4.5 of the report be progressed and implemented.**