

### **EX103. Implementation of Carers (Scotland) Act 2016**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided an update on the implications of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and sought approval for the proposed method of implementation in Children's Services. A draft Young Carers Eligibility Criteria was provided as an appendix to the report.

The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 would come into force on 1 April 2018 and introduced new duties on Local Authorities to assess and meet the needs of informal carers. The duties included:-

- support for carers to develop Adult Carer Support Plans or Young Carers' Statements
- setting a local Eligibility Criteria to determine which carers are eligible for support. Support must be provided to meet assessed eligible need
- make information available about the range of short breaks available
- involve carers in the planning and development of carers' services
- preparation of a local Carers Strategy

#### **Decision**

#### **The Executive:-**

- (1) agreed the plans for implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 in Children's Services;**
- (2) noted the lead role undertaken by the Integration Joint Board;**
- (3) agreed the proposals for assessment and provision of Young Carers Statements, and how identified needs are met, and**
- (4) requested an update on implementation in Spring 2019.**