

## **EE31. Forth Valley and West Lothian Improvement Collaborative – Progress Report**

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing an update on the establishment of the Regional Improvement Collaborative for Education involving Falkirk, Clackmannanshire, Stirling and West Lothian councils, as agreed at the previous meeting of the Education Executive on 7 November 2017.

A briefing session for all Falkirk elected members on the new collaborative and the Scottish Government consultation on "Empowering Schools" took place on 23 November 2017.

A launch event, attended by elected members and officials from the four councils, took place in December 2017. The event set out the initial aims of the collaborative and areas of focus for early collaborative work.

Extensive work had been carried out to identify and agree areas of focus for the initial Regional Improvement Plan. Five themed areas of work were identified reflecting the priorities of schools across the Regional Collaborative. Each council will lead on one or more of the themes.

A Regional Summit took place on 22 January to enable appropriate consultation to be carried out, prior to the draft Regional Improvement Plan being submitted to the Scottish Government and Education Scotland by the end of January 2018.

### **Decision**

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

- (1) noted the progress made to date in establishing the Regional Improvement Collaborative, and**
- (2) agreed that the Regional Lead Officer submit a further report to the next meeting of the Education Executive detailing comment and feedback from the Scottish Government and Education Scotland following consultation on the initial Regional Improvement Plan to the Scottish Government at the end of January 2018.**