

EE32. Specialist Education for Additional Support Needs in Primary and Secondary Schools

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services summarising the findings from the statutory public consultation to consider the expansion of provision for children and young people who have social and communication difficulties, including Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The Education Executive had agreed, on 5 September 2017 (ref EE14), that a statutory public consultation be carried out to consider the expansion of additional support needs provision by opening specialist classes in 3 mainstream primary schools and 2 mainstream secondary schools. This would allow a greater number of children with additional support needs to be educated locally as close to their home and community as reasonably possible.

In line with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 legislation, a consultation exercise was carried out between 13 September and 10 November 2017.

The report summarised the consultation responses, the key comments made and issues raised by Education Scotland.

A report of the consultation "Inclusion and Additional Support Needs in Falkirk: Proposals for 2018 Onwards", which included Education Scotland's full report, was appended to the report.

Decision

The Education Executive:-

- (1) noted the responses to the statutory consultation recently undertaken and the recommendations contained within the report attached as appendix 1 to the report, and**
- (2) agreed to instruct the Director of Children's Services to bring a further report providing full details and proposals of how Children's Services would progress with this expansion plan.**