

ECYE41. Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) – 2020 Expansion Plan Update

The Education, Children and Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing an update on the progress and current financial position of the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion programme.

Additional information on new and individual projects and work stream proposals which supported the overall ELC Expansion and Implementation Plans was provided, this included the proposed decant provision of Inchlair for the period August to October 2020, to allow the extension and refurbishment to be undertaken.

Details of the remaining 26 infrastructure work projects on a ward by ward basis, were provided as an appendix to the report.

The report also set out the key changes required to the Early Years Admissions policy to reflect the universal implementation of the early years expansion programme from August 2020. The new proposed Early Years Admissions Policy was also attached as an appendix to the report.

A summary of the projected year end position for 2019/20 funding was provided. Officers from Children's, Development and Finance Services would continue to liaise and work collegiately to ensure that the expansion programme was delivered within the available funding.

Decision

The Education, Children and Young People Executive:-

- (1) noted the overall content of the current progress report;**
- (2) noted the update provided on the main projects outlined in section 4.1 of the report;**
- (3) agreed the revised Early Years Admissions Policy;**
- (4) agreed that the Director of Children's Services progress with decant proposals for Inchlair ELC Centre as outlined in section 4.1(ii) of the report;**
- (5) noted the updated financial position as detailed in sections 6.1 and 6.2 of the report, and**
- (6) requested that the Director of Children's Services continues to keep the Education, Children and Young People Executive updated on progress with the expansion plans.**