ECYE31. Connected Falkirk Update

The Education, Children and Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided an update on progress with the Connected Falkirk programme with an update on the overall financial position of the programme.

Although the programme of device deployment had seen some slippage due to external factors, schools were now benefiting from improved Wi-Fi and connectivity for their existing and new devices. Despite the significant impact COVID had had on both the supply chain of equipment and limitations on deployment approaches, the programme of work was still progressing to budget and device deployment would complete in November 2021.

The installation of the Audio-Visual elements of Connected Falkirk was well underway and was scheduled to complete in December 2021. Staff Career Long Professional Learning opportunities had continued throughout the delivery of the programme, with individual training, tailored to school development priorities, scheduled for the session. As the deployment phase of the programme reached an end, the focus would turn to developing and embedding digital skills in the classroom and beyond.

Decision

The Education, Children and Young People Executive noted the progress to date of the programme of work.