

EX86. AUTISM STRATEGY

The Executive considered a joint report by the Director of Social Work Services and the Joint Acting Directors of Education presenting the Scottish Strategy for Autism and seeking approval of the Falkirk Autism Strategy which would take forward the recommendations of the national document, at local level.

The Scottish Strategy for Autism states that autism is a national priority. The strategy was the result of extensive consultation at national level on the way to ensure that progress was made across Scotland in the delivery of quality services for those affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The Falkirk Autism Strategy had been developed by the Community Planning Partnership and had been revised following a number of consultation exercises with partners and stakeholders.

The Falkirk Autism Strategy set out Falkirk's vision of ensuring that every individual with autism in the Falkirk area would have access to services and supports which provide them with the opportunities necessary to fulfil their potential.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the recommendations of the Scottish Strategy for Autism;**
- (2) agreed the Falkirk Autism Strategy for submission to the Scottish Government, and**
- (3) requested the Director of Social Work Services to provide an update on progress on the Falkirk Autism Strategy as appropriate.**