

EE9. SOCIAL MEDIA IN SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE LEARNING AND TEACHING

The Education Executive considered a Report by the Director of Education which sought approval to allow schools controlled access to social media sites where they offer added value to learning and teaching within the curriculum.

The Report outlined the most common examples of social media sites – YouTube, Twitter, Facebook and Blogging platforms. Information was also provided on the Scottish Government “Technologies for Learning Strategy” which promotes the use of social media as a tool in learning.

Decision

The Education Executive:-

- (1) approved the introduction of YouTube in a controlled environment for all young people in Falkirk schools;**
- (2) approved the use of Facebook as a social media tool for teaching and support staff in schools for educational purposes, and**
- (3) agreed that the changes in the use of social media as outlined in the Report are incorporated within the Education Services ICT Strategy.**