

EE34. THE SCOTTISH ATTAINMENT CHALLENGE

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services outlining the aims of the Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC) and Children's Services' plans for school involvement in the related Schools Programme.

The main aims of the SAC and its associated Schools Programme are to focus and accelerate targeted improvements in literacy, numeracy and wellbeing in specific areas of Scotland which have been identified as having the highest concentration of primary aged pupils living in multiple deprivation.

Langlees Primary School has been identified as one of the 57 Scottish primary schools to be included in the Schools Programme, which was launched on 1 October 2015.

A funding package has been set up for the next four years (2015-2019) and it is expected that between £20k to £80k per annum will be allocated to those schools identified in the Schools Programme to help accelerate improvement and support innovation.

The report detailed a range of support available to education authorities in relation to the SAC, which included direct access to an Attainment Advisor, access to the national hub and inter-authority partnership working.

The report also set out the bid process and the range of strategies Children's Services will use to address the attainment gap and that the resources will be used more widely than in Langlees Primary School.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note the aims of the new Scottish Attainment Challenge;**
- (2) that the Director of Children's Services develops and submits a bid to the Scottish Government as outlined in Section 6.1 of the report;**
- (3) that the Director of Children's Services develops a strategy designed to begin to address the attainment gap, and**
- (4) that an update report on progress be submitted to the Education Executive at a later date.**