

## **EE25. Tackling Bureaucracy, Response to Education Scotland Review**

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services setting out education Scotland's assessment of Falkirk Council's approach to tackling bureaucracy within schools, together with the action plan to address the areas highlighted for improvement.

Education Scotland was asked by the Scottish Government to undertake a review of the demands placed on schools by local authorities in relation to Curriculum for Excellence (CfE), with particular focus on their arrangements for curriculum, planning, assessment and reporting. The review was undertaken as part of the Government's "Delivery Plan", designed to eliminate unnecessary workload demands associated with the implementation of CfE.

The review took place in August 2016 and included HM Inspectors meeting a variety of education officers, teaching staff and representatives of teachers' associations. Inspectors looked at arrangements, expectations and associated workload requirements for CfE, as well as any guidance and support provided by the authority to help minimise bureaucracy in schools.

HM Inspectors highlighted three areas for improvement which are detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. Children's Services, in response to the review, produced an action plan to address these areas. The action plan is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

### **Decision**

#### **The Education Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to note the Education Scotland evidence template and the identified aspects for improvement as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and**
- (2) the Children's Services Action Plan which seeks to address the areas highlighted for improvement.**