

**EE29. Response to Scottish Government Consultation – A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland**

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services presenting the proposed response to the Scottish Government's Consultation – The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland for immediate submission to the Scottish Government.

The report set out the background to the Scottish Government's high level visions for the expansion in Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland.

The consultation document sought stakeholders' opinions and views on the key policy choices for delivering the vision which aims to increase core entitlement from 600 hours to 1140 hours of early learning and childcare by 2020.

The proposed response, which was attached as an appendix to the report, had been prepared based on the Scottish Government's expansion plans for early learning and childcare and Falkirk's current early years delivery model.

**Decision**

**The Education Executive agreed the response to the Scottish Government Consultation – A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland, for immediate submission.**