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## **Agenda Item 3**

### **Minute**

Draft

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Minute of meeting of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 9.30 am.**

**COUNCILLORS:**

David Alexander  
Gary Bouse  
Provost Tom Coleman  
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Gordon Hughes  
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Cecil Meiklejohn  
Alan Nimmo  
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**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF RELIGIOUS  
BODIES:**

Dr Brendan McGuckin  
Rev Michael Rollo  
Mrs Maureen Tait

**CO-OPTEES:**

Jonathan Barclay (Pupil Representative)  
Helena Barton (Pupil Representative)

**OFFICERS:**

Gary Greenhorn, Head of Planning and Resources  
David Mackay, Head of Education  
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer  
Robert Naylor, Director of Children's Services  
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager  
Karen Thomson, Childcare Provision Co-ordinator

**EE1. Apologies**

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Fiona Craig and Margaret Smith (teacher representatives).

**EE2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were intimated.

### **EE3. Minute**

#### **Decision**

**The minute of the meeting of the Education Executive held on 21 March 2017 was approved.**

### **EE4. Pupil Equity Funding – Local Guidelines**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services presenting local operating guidelines on the use of Pupil Equity Funding.

As part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge programme, each primary and secondary school received funding from the Pupil Equity fund, the Education Executive had previously been advised of the allocation to each school for 2017/18.

National operating guidance had been issued by the Scottish Government to head teachers. This was to be supplemented by local operating guidance. Draft local operating guidance was presented for approval.

The report set out the accountability and reporting processes which will support head teachers and detailed additional central support which could be requested by head teachers.

#### **Decision**

**The Education Executive agreed the Falkirk local operating guidance for the Pupil Equity Fund as set out in appendix 1 of the report, noting the associated Scottish Government Grant conditions.**

### **EE5. Early Years Learning and Childcare – Expansion to 1140 hours by 2020**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing an update on additional funding provided by the Scottish Government towards the expansion of early years provision.

Falkirk Council had received an additional £0.653m revenue funding and £1.252m capital funding from the Scottish Government for the expansion of early years provision in 2017/18. The funding must be fully spent in 2017/18. It was likely that further funding would be provided for the period 2018-2021. The aim of guidance issued by the Scottish Government was that authorities make best use of assets by:-

- making full use of all existing assets;

- using what we purchase developing and enhancing use of partner assets; and
- creating what we need creating or building new capacity where gaps exist.

Local Authorities were required to submit an Early Years Expansion Plan to the Scottish Government by 29 September 2017. In addition, Authorities were requested provide an analysis of infrastructure expansion plans and estimated costs and future additional staffing requirements.

The report summarised key considerations in the following areas of service provision:-

- use of private and voluntary sector nurseries;
- use of child-minders;
- early years establishments staffing structures;
- further education increased places and course provision;
- national graduate programme; and
- use of external space for classroom or play provision.

An initial phase of infrastructure projects, which when completed would provide 1140 hours of provision were set out. Projects at Langlees, Slamannan, Easter Carmuir and Avonbridge primary schools were presented for consideration.

## **Decision**

**The Education Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to note the information and content of the report;**
- (2) the Children's Services revenue and capital expenditure plans for 2017/18 as detailed within the report, and**
- (3) to ask for a further report later in 2017 on the progress of current expansion plans and an update on future infrastructure investment.**

## **EE6. Statutory Consultation - Permanent Relocation of the Mariner Support Service**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services proposing that a consultation is undertaken on a proposal to permanently relocate the Mariner Support Service from Weedingshall to the Laurieston Campus.

The Education Executive had agreed, on 29 September 2015 (ref EE28), to purchase the site of the former Focus school with the intent that the Mariner Support Service was transferred from its Weedingshall base to the new site. A temporary relocation was agreed by the Education Executive on 2 February 2016 (ref EE40) and the move had taken place in August 2016.

The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 required that a statutory consultation takes place in order that the current temporary relocation could be made permanent.

The report set out the benefits of the new campus as well as the limitations of the original Weedingshall site. If agreed, the consultation would run from 23 August until 6 October 2017.

### **Decision**

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

- (1) to a formal consultation, as detailed in the report, on a proposal to permanently relocate the Mariner Support Service from Weedingshall to the Laurieston Campus, and**
- (2) that a report back from this consultation will come to a future meeting for a decision on the proposal.**