

EE26. Specialist Education for Social and Behavioural Needs for Primary and Secondary School Pupils

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking approval to combine and rename Oxgang School Support Service and Mariner Secondary School Support Service into a single Inclusion and Wellbeing Support Service (3-18).

The Service's current configuration required to be adapted to reflect the changing demographics in the population of children in Falkirk, and to ensure the Council continued to meet its statutory obligation.

Realigning the current educational provision would provide greater opportunities to build capacity across the service, to develop new and innovative approaches to support, particularly from primary to secondary transition for pupils with social and behavioural needs.

In terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, there was no requirement to conduct a formal consultation as both establishments would retain their school SEED status. However, in line with Council policy, Children's Services would undertake an informal consultation with all key stakeholders on the renaming of the Service.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) that Children's Services progress with the informal consultation regarding the proposal to combine and re-name both Oxgang School Support Service and Mariner Secondary Support Service to form the Inclusion and Wellbeing Support Service (3-18), and**
- (2) that the Director of Children's Services bring a report to the Education Executive summarising the outcomes of this consultation and make recommendations.**