

EE27. Scottish Attainment Challenge Fund (SACF) – Additional Support for Care Experienced Children and Young People

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services advising that the Scottish Government was allocating additional funding to support and improve the outcomes for care experienced children and young people. Information was also provided on how the Children's Services plan to utilise and target this funding through its "Closer to Home" Strategy.

Information on Falkirk's funding allocation for 2018/19 and 2019/20 was provided, which was based on there being 245 looked after children in the area as recorded in the latest census.

The key principles of the additional funding stream were designed to enable local authorities to make strategic decisions around how best to improve the attainment of care experienced children from birth to the age of 26 years.

The report detailed the proposed planned projects which would be developed through engagement and consultation with stakeholders to ensure the funding directly focused on support for care experienced children and young people. Four test for change posts were included within the proposed planned projects and the details for each were set out.

Decision

The Education Executive:-

- (1) noted the additional funding received and the plan, set out in section 4 of the report, to undertake four tests of change, and**
- (2) agreed that the Director of Children's Services provides a progress report early in 2019.**