

## **EE32. Mothballing of Primary Schools**

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services presenting proposed operational parameters for Children's Services to progress consultation on the mothballing of a primary school where the number of catchment area pupils on the school roll fell below an agreed level. The report also detailed proposed amendments to the current Admission Policy which would be required, if the recommendations were approved.

The report set out the Scottish Government's statutory guidance under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, which dealt with the issue of mothballing. The term mothballing, referred to a temporary decision to close a school where the catchment pupil roll fell very low.

Information on Children's Services proposed criteria and parameters to be used when considering mothballing primary schools, together with the proposed management actions to be taken if schools were identified for temporary closure, was presented.

The proposed changes to the admissions policy were provided as an appendix to the report.

### **Decision**

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

- (1) the criteria and parameters for schools to be considered for mothballing, as outlined in section 4.1 of the report;**
- (2) the proposed changes to the Admissions Policy, as outlined in Appendix 1, and**
- (3) the proposed Children's Services management actions to be taken when schools are being considered for mothballing, as outlined in section 4.2 of the report.**