

ECYE16. Devolved School Management (DSM) Scheme – Issue of New Guidelines

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing information on the Scottish Government's Fair Funding Review, and New Devolved School Management (DSM) Guidelines, together with proposals on how Children's Services take forward the recommendations within these new Guidelines.

As part of the wider "Fairer Funding to Achieve Excellence and Equity in Education" consultation, the Scottish Government consulted on changes to DSM. A Fair Funding Group was established to oversee the extensive consultation work, which concluded earlier in 2019.

The Scottish Government issued the new DSM Guidelines in June 2019, which were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The report set out the DSM's important links to a number of other Scottish Government national strategies, the key principles applying to DSM, and the key aims of the new DSM guidelines.

Local authorities were expected to use the new guidelines when reviewing their existing DSM schemes, with a view to developing and implementing new local DSM schemes by April 2021. In order to review and take forward the new DSM guidelines, it was proposed that Children's Services establish a "DSM Review Group" to oversee the work and to consult with stakeholders as required.

Decision

The Education, Children and Young People Executive:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report;**
- (2) agreed that Children's Services establish a DSM Review Group to oversee the work and to consult with stakeholders, as required;**
- (3) noted that the Group will report to the Director of Children's Services, and**
- (4) requested that the Director of Children's Services bring a further report to the Education, Children and Young People Executive with proposals on how Children's Services plan to align Falkirk's DSM Scheme with the revised DSM Guidelines in 2020.**