

#### **ECYE46. Gaelic Medium Education in Falkirk Schools**

The Education, Children and Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided an update regarding Gaelic Medium Education (GME) in Falkirk and further plans for the development of GME in partnership with Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

Falkirk had been selected by Bòrd na Gàidhlig in September 2022 as an authority area to develop GME. This followed on from a parental engagement survey in 2019 to all parents with 3 years olds. As part of the development the Service worked in partnership with Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Comann nam Pàrant to deliver a Gaelic Medium Education parents' information session. This took place online in January 2023. The event was open to all parents to give further information on what GME was, what Falkirk currently offered and what support was available nationally. Parents were also informed of the legislation and application process for GME. 8 members of the public attended the meeting and to date no applications for GME had been made for August 2023. Further engagement with parents was required.

It was proposed that a further survey with parents of 3 and 4 year olds was conducted to establish if there would be demand for local GME in the Falkirk area commencing either August 2024 or August 2025.

#### **Decision**

**The Education, Children and Young People Executive agreed:-**

- (1) the developments as set out in paragraph 5.2 and 5.3 of the report, and**
- (2) agreed that the Director of Children's Service provide a further report to the Education, Children and Young People Executive Committee.**