

Report

Report to: **Executive Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **28 February 2018**
 Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Recommendations Referred by Resource Committees**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval of the following recommendations referred to this Committee by the following Resources Committees:-
 - ◆ Education Resources Committee of 6 February 2018
 - ◆ Social Work Resources Committee of 7 February 2018
 - ◆ Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 7 February 2018

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the recommendations referred by Education, Social Work and Finance and Corporate Resources Committees in relation to Resource Plans for 2017/2018 be approved; and
- (2) that the recommendations referred by Education Resources in relation to the Admissions Policy be approved.

3. Background

3.1. Education Resources' Resource Plan 2017/2018 – Extract of Minute

3.1.1. A report dated 11 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the Education Resources' Resource Plan 2017/2018.

The Resource Plan for 2017/2018 outlined the:-

- ◆ objectives and actions for 2017/2018
- ◆ capital and revenue resources for 2017/2018
- ◆ organisational structure of the Resource

In line with the Council's performance management arrangements, a progress report on actions identified in the 2017/2018 Resource Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee recommended that the Education Resources' Resource Plan for
to the Executive Committee: 2017/2018 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 (Paragraph 7) and South Lanarkshire Council of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 3)]

3.2 **Review of Admissions Policy for Early Learning and Childcare Establishments – Extract of Minute**

- 3.2.1 A report dated 16 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on a review of the policy for the admission of children into Early Years' establishments in South Lanarkshire.

Since 1996, the Council's Admissions Policy for Early Years' Establishments had been regularly reviewed to reflect changes in legislation and national policy development. On 1 September 2015, the Committee had noted the implementation of the delivery of 600 hours of free early learning and childcare arising from the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

The last review of the Admissions Policy had been completed in March 2016 and implemented in May of that year.

A consultation exercise had been undertaken between November 2017 and January 2018 with a range of stakeholders to evaluate the impact of the current Admissions Policy in meeting the needs of individual children in the context of their family. The main priorities which had emerged from the consultation process were outlined in the report and the proposed revised Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, had taken account of those priorities.

The Admissions Policy would be used for the allocation of an early learning and childcare place. Should Early Learning and Childcare establishments have sufficient places and employees, they might be able to offer additional hours, on a paid basis, to children within the Council's exemption criteria. Additional hours would be allocated in accordance with the following priorities:-

Priority 1	all children within Priority 1, as detailed in the Admissions Policy
Priority 2	children whose parents and/or carer were in employment or education
Priority 3	all children allocated a place in the nursery, including those children returning to nursery for a further year which included approved deferred children
Priority 4	all children resident outwith the Council area

To ensure greater consistency and equity, a new process for the allocation and approval of all places would be implemented in May 2018. This would involve a central meeting with nominated representatives of local authority and partner providers. Places would be considered across the 4 geographical localities of the Council and would be based on the information held in the Nursery Admissions Management System.

The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee:

- (1) that the priorities for admission to Early Years' establishments be revised as follows:-

Children aged 0 to 3 years

Priority 1

1 (i)

Children affected by abuse

Children with additional support needs

Looked after and accommodated children from birth up to 2 years old

Children who at any time from the age of 2 years had been

♦ looked after and accommodated; or

♦ subject to a Kinship Care Order

Children aged 3 to 5 years

Priority 1

1(i)

Children affected by abuse

Children with additional support needs

Children who at any time had been

♦ looked after and accommodated; or

♦ subject to a Kinship Care Order

Children affected by domestic violence

Children affected by substance misuse

Children affected by a disability within the home

1(ii)

Eligible 3 and 4 year olds resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council area

Children affected by domestic violence
Children affected by substance misuse
Children affected by a disability within the home
2 year olds as required by relevant legislation from time to time applying

1(ii)

Eligible 2 year olds resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council area but within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council area

Priority 2

2(i)

Children aged 0 to 3 - new applications

2(ii)

New applications – eligible 2 year olds resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council area but within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council area

Priority 3

3(i)

Transfer applications – change in circumstances

3(ii)

Transfer applications – change in circumstances – eligible 2 year olds resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council area but within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council area

Priority 4

4(i)

Transfer applications – parental choice

4(ii)

Transfer applications – parental choice – eligible 2 year olds resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council area but within a catchment areas of a primary school within the Council area

but within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council area

Priority 2

2(i)

Children in their pre-school year – new applications

2(ii)

Approved deferred entry children - September to December birthdays

2(iii)

Transfer applications pre-school year children – change in circumstances

2(iv)

Children in their pre-school year resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council area but within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council area

Priority 3

3(i)

Children in their ante pre-school year – new applications

3(ii)

Transfer applications ante pre-school year – change in circumstances

3(iii)

Children in their ante pre-school year resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council area but within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council area

Priority 4

4(i)

Deferred entry children - September to December birthdays - parental choice

4(ii)

Transfer applications pre-school year children - parental choice

4(iii)

Transfer applications ante pre-school year – parental choice

4(iv)

Children resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council area but within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council area in 4(i), 4(ii) and

Priority 5

All children resident outwith South Lanarkshire area

Priority 5

All children resident outwith the Council area

- ◆ Priorities 1 to 4 would apply to children who were resident within the Council area and those children who were considered catchment pupils for a Council primary school
- ◆ all children residing outwith the Council area, no matter the circumstances, would be considered priority 5
- ◆ eligible children would have access to Early Learning and Childcare regardless of age, gender, race, religion or need
- ◆ Early Learning and Childcare would be provided on a non-denominational basis
- ◆ children with an identified and supported need (Priority 1) might be offered a place as soon as they reached their qualifying birthday
- ◆ securing a place in a school nursery class would not guarantee a primary school place within the primary school
- ◆ children deferring entry from Primary 1 and staying at nursery where an additional year of funding had been agreed by the Council were considered returning children

- (2) that the revised Admissions Policy for the allocation of places to all Early Years' Establishments be implemented from the start of the new term in August 2018.

[Reference: Minutes of Education Resources of 19 April 2016 (Paragraph 6) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 11 May 2016 (Paragraph 16)]

3.3. Social Work Resources' Resource Plan 2017/2018 – Extract of Minute

A report dated 18 January 2018 by the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted on the Social Work Resources' Resource Plan 2017/2018.

The Resource Plan for 2017/2018 outlined the:-

- ◆ objectives and actions for 2017/2018
- ◆ capital and revenue resources for 2017/2018
- ◆ organisational structure of the Resource

In line with the Council's performance management arrangements, a progress report on actions identified in the 2017/2018 Resource Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee recommended that the Social Work Resources' Resource Plan
to the Executive Committee: for 2017/2018 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 (Paragraph 7) and South Lanarkshire Council of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 3)]

3.4. Finance and Corporate Resources' Resource Plan 2017/2018 - Extract of Minute

A report dated 21 December 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the Finance and Corporate Resources' Resource Plan 2017/2018.

The Resource Plan for 2017/2018 outlined the:-

- ◆ objectives and actions for 2017/2018
- ◆ capital and revenue resources for 2017/2018

- ♦ organisational structure of the Resource

In line with the Council's performance management arrangements, a progress report on actions identified in the 2017/2018 Resource Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee: that the Finance and Corporate Resources' Resource Plan for 2017/2018 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 15 November 2017 (Paragraph 10), Minutes of the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 (Paragraph 7) and Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 3)]

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. All employee implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to Resource Committees.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. All financial implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to Resource Committees.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. Any risks or sustainability issues or other implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to the Resource Committees.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. Equality impact assessment and consultation arrangements were highlighted as part of the original reports to the Resource Committees.
- 7.2. There is no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment or consultation in terms of the proposals contained in this report.

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Chief Executive

13 February 2018

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- ♦ Minutes of Education Resources Committee of 6 February 2018 (Paragraphs 6 and 7)
- ♦ Minutes of Social Work Resources Committee of 7 February 2018 (Paragraph 6)
- ♦ Minutes of Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 7 February 2018 (Paragraph 9)

List of Background Papers

- ♦ Individual reports to Resource Committees

Contact for Further Information

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