

## **Early Learning and Childcare - Wraparound childcare – Update noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Education Services.**

**3** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the delivery of wraparound early learning and childcare for children aged 0-12 years old, advising that

- (1) childcare hours beyond the statutory entitlement was known as wraparound childcare, and as with care for children under 2 years, was paid for by the parent;
- (2) the Scottish Government was beginning to explore the potential to expand the childcare system of places for children from age 9 months, and that Glasgow was part of the early adopter work due to the high demand for wraparound hours in Council nurseries;
- (3) Glasgow had been selected as one of 6 local authorities to be an early adopter to begin testing on how a system for funded school aged childcare (SAC), targeted at the poorest families, might work, and that a further 2 years of Scottish Government funding had been provided for this until the end of March 2026;
- (4) pilot work within SAC was aligned with the 10 booster wards identified by the Fairer Futures programme to tackle child poverty, with the cost of childcare places for parents who met the criteria being subsidised to either enable them to work or to access activities for their children which would otherwise be out of reach within the family budget;
- (5) additional focused work would be carried out with 3 specialist SAC services that offered places for children with additional support needs, and that places for families accessing those services, who met the poverty criteria, was being funded and wider learning was taking place around the barriers and support needed for those families; and
- (6) given that parents could choose to access their funded Early Learning Childcare entitlement with registered childminders, the Council had been working with the Scottish Childminding Association in its targeted Urban Recruitment Programme, which focused on promoting registration as a childminder as a flexible career, provided training, worked to remove barriers to registration and assisted with provision of small start-up grants that enabled participants to meet costs of establishing their businesses.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) instructed the Executive Director of Education Services to provide updates to future meetings as required.