

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS

The Council had previously agreed to introduce charging for instrumental music tuition with a scheme of concessions and to identify sustainable models of service delivery for the long-term. A report by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) (copies of which had been circulated) provided the Education Executive with options for future service delivery models for consideration.

The report set out four options which were identified as being most relevant to the Instrumental Music Service: in-house delivery, transfer to an existing Arms Length External Organisation (ALEO) (West Lothian Leisure), and the creation of a new Charitable Trust and Partnership.

The factors which were considered to determine the most appropriate future service delivery model were outlined in the report. It was proposed that the continuation of in-house delivery was most appropriate as it represented the lowest risk to the Council and the best organisational stability. It was noted that working in partnership with other organisations such as local bands could be beneficial and that this was intended to be explored further.

The risks relating to the other potential options of transfer to an existing ALEO or voluntary organisation and the creation of a new Charitable Trust were set out and the rationale for discounting these options. Information was also provided on other areas which delivered a similar service for comparative purposes.

The Committee was recommended to agree:

1. To note that the review of options for service delivery models was based on management guidance on engaging with outside bodies, including ALEOs, approved through the Governance and Risk Board and Corporate Management Team;
2. To note that the service delivery options identified as most relevant to the Instrumental Music Service were in-house delivery, transfer to an existing ALEO (West Lothian Leisure), creation of a new Charitable Trust and Partnership;
3. That continued in-house service delivery is the most appropriate delivery model; and
4. That, in order to provide additionality, partnership with local community bands be explored further to enhance provision of individual disciplines and performance opportunities at an individual school level.

The Chair moved a motion in the following terms:

“Recommendation 3 will be changed to:

‘that continued in house service delivery is the most appropriate delivery

model at present.'

Recommendation 4 will be changed to:

'That partnership with local community bands be explored further to enhance provision of individual disciplines and performance opportunities and that further consultation be carried out with stakeholders including parents and young people to consider if other models of provision are possible.' "

#### Decision

- 1) To approve recommendations 1 and 2 of the report.
- 2) To unanimously approve the motion.