

5. DRAFT PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ATTENDANCE GROUPS

The Council had endorsed the approach adopted in the Scottish Government publication “Included, Engaged and Involved, Part 1: Attendance in Scottish Schools” (12 December 2007).

There was a report by the Head of Education (Quality Assurance) (which had been circulated) recalling the important of attendance at school being clearly linked to schools’ overall approaches to promoting positive behaviour and a climate for learning. The Attendance at School policy had been adopted in 2008. In a few cases however, supportive action had not ensure an improvement in attendance at school.

The report advised of the proposal to create Attendance Groups to allow local actions to be applied in order to improve attendance at schools. As Social Policy and Education & Cultural Services both had responsibility for school attendance, the membership of the Attendance Groups would be drawn equally from senior officers of both services

The Head of Education (Quality Assurance) recommended that given Head Teachers and officers from Social Policy and Education & Cultural Services considered the Attendance Groups would support parents/ carers and families in ensuring regular attendance at school, the proposed establishment of Attendance Groups be referred to the Education Executive for approval.

Decision

To note the terms of the report and endorse it for submission to the Education Executive.