

## 6. HOME EDUCATION POLICY

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Quality Assurance) providing details of the proposed revised Home Education Policy, details of which were attached as an appendix to the report.

The report recalled that in November 2014 Education Services agreed to review the existing Home Education policy in consultation with Schoolhouse, Scotland's national home education support charity.

The purpose of the revised policy was to provide clarity on the roles and responsibilities of West Lothian Council and parents/carers in relation to children and young people who were home educated. The aim was to develop positive relationships of trust and mutual respect to ensure an educational provision which was in the best interests of the individual child/young person. The general legislative provisions relating to this policy were contained in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.

The Interim Additional Support Needs Manager advised the Education Executive that the Home Education Policy was considered by the Education PDSP at its meeting held on 17 May 2016. The PDSP agreed that the policy be forwarded to the Education Executive for approval subject to further clarity being provided on the difference between flexi-schooling and home education.

The Education Executive was asked to approve the revised Home Education policy.

### Decision

Approved the terms of the report.