

3. CONSULTATION ON DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE - STANDARDS IN SCOTLAND'S SCHOOLS ECT. ACT 2000

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) providing details of the proposed response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the Draft Statutory Guidance for the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000.

The report recalled that the Scottish Government was seeking views on draft statutory guidance for Part 1 of the Education (Scotland) Act 2016, which makes amendments to the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000. This legislation was a key part of the Scottish Government's strategy to ensure that the life chances of children and young people were improved and that Scotland's education system delivers excellence and equity. The specific questions and suggested responses were set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The draft statutory guidance was developed to support those who had responsibility for duties in relation to:

- Reducing inequalities of outcome for pupils experiencing them as a result of socio-economic disadvantage;
- The National Improvement Framework (NIF); and
- Planning and reporting duties at school and education authority levels.

Reducing inequalities of outcome for pupils experiencing them as a result of socio-economic disadvantage was in line with the ethos of the Council's Anti-Poverty Strategy, and in line with current practice.

The Education Executive was asked to approve the proposed response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the Draft Statutory Guidance.

Decision

Approved the terms of the report.