

4. EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE - EXPANSION PLAN UPDATE

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) advising of the progress of the approved Early Learning and Childcare (CLE) Expansion Plan to deliver 1140 hours of free high quality ELC within West Lothian for August 2020.

It was recommended that the Education Executive notes the progress made to date and approves the following proposals :-

1. To appoint an additional seven ELC Area Support Managers from January 2020 to support Head Teachers and settings outwith the school day and school session dates;
2. To cease payment for nursery snacks in council ELC settings from 6 January 2020;
3. To note the pilot of “Marvellous Meals” for Spring 2020 providing free school meals in 4 ELC settings;
4. To increase the hourly rate paid to childminders to £6.30 and private partner providers to £6.80 from 1 April 2020 (both rates to include the provision of a snack and meal); and
5. To allocate 0.2 FTE management support (teacher) in the management team within each school to oversee the quality assurance within the ELC setting.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report