

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 11 APRIL 2002

SCOTTISH COMMISSION FOR THE REGULATION OF CARE

Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for arrangements to be put in place to meet the gap in services when the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care is established and to remit the staffing proposals contained within the report to the Sub-Committee of the Policy & Resources Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Education Committee of 13 November 2001 received a report on the implications for the local authority arising from the pending establishment of the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care. One of the issues identified within the report was the gap in developmental support for early years providers if the Scottish Executive limit their activities to registration and inspection.

3. PROPOSALS TO MEET THE GAPS IN SERVICE

3.1 Childminders

It is proposed to extend the current Family Day Care service to recruit and train potential childminders, provide pre and post inspection support and support childminding groups. In recognition of the enhanced service it is recommended that the current Family Day Care Co-ordinator is regraded from AP3/4 to AP5/SO2. A new post of Childminding Support Worker requires to be established at AP3/4.

3.2 Early Years Groups 0-5 Years

It is proposed to extend the remit of the current Pre-School Resource Worker to include pre and post inspection support to early years groups including grant assessment work. This would result in the regrading of the existing Pre-School Resource Worker post from AP2/3 to AP3/4.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The financial implications arising from these proposals are set out below:

• Regrading of Family Day Care Co-ordinator to AP5/SO2	£ 4,530
• Establishment of Childminding Support Worker post AP3/4	£22,350
• Regrading Pre-School Resource Worker AP2/3 to AP3/4	£ 1,020
	Travel
	£ 5,000
	Total Cost
	<u>£27,900</u>

The costs can be met from existing resources.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Members of Education Committee are asked to:

- (i) approve the proposals set out in paragraph 3;
- (ii) ask the Director of Educational & Social Services to remit the staffing implications to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy & Resources Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The Education Committee of 13 November 2001
2. Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

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AGENDA