

3 PILOT PROVISION OF PLAY AND LEARNING SERVICES FOR 0-2 YEAR OLDS IN LOCAL AUTHORITY NURSERIES (AN348-2006)

Reference is made to Article VIII of the minute of meeting of the Education Committee of 15th May 2006 which approved in principle to pilot the provision of play and learning for 0-2 year olds, within Local Authority Nurseries, funding for which has been made available from the Scottish Executive Education Department, for the period 2006-7 and 2007-8.

In order to ensure that full consultation and evaluation can take place, it is proposed that an initial short term pilot is commissioned within 4 nursery schools across the city, led by a Birth to 3 Co-ordinator in each location. The pilot will ensure that the post can be properly evaluated in respect of the grade and duties and responsibilities and the relationship with Childcare@Home, who will provide the sessional workers for the initiative, can also be trialled and evaluated.

A further report will be brought forward to both the Education and Personnel Committees in March 2007, setting out the final proposals for financial year 2007-8.

The Committee's approval is sought.