

Amendment by the SNP Group

Governance, Risk & Best Value Committee

19 March 2024

Item 8.2 – Internal Audit: 2024/25 Internal Audit Annual Plan

Agrees in addition that an audit will be carried out into the removal of Educational Support Base (ESB) provision in schools and the decision to provide no places for the next school year. The scope of the audit should include:

- communication with parents, children and young people, and schools
- planning of the additional provision that will be needed to support children and young people within a mainstream setting including staffing levels and physical spaces that might be required, and whether this was done ahead of the decision being made to withdraw ESB places
- how the above planning was communicated to parents when being presented with the decision by the Education Resource Group (ERG).
- whether or not appropriate risk assessments and equalities impact assessments were taken ahead of the decision being made to withdraw ESB places
- whether the decision was driven by considerations in line with GIRFEC or primarily as a budgetary decision to drive down the cost of home to school transport

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