

Committee Report No: 88-2020

Document Title: EXPANSION OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE ENTITLEMENT TO 1140 HOURS

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Document Description:

Committee report to provide Children and Families Committee with updated information following the previous Committee report of 13 May 2019 regarding the planned expansion of Early Learning and Childcare from 600 hours to 1140 hours by August 2020

Intended Outcome:

Committee is asked to:- The Committee is asked to • note the content of the updated progress report; • remit to the Executive Director of Children and Families to bring a further report on the progress of the implementation in 12 months' time.

How will the proposal be monitored?:

The infrastructure plan will be monitored by the ELC expansion project group and through regular updates on PENTANA. Staff, children and families will be asked for regular feedback

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A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:

Age:	Positive
Disability:	Positive
Gender Reassignment:	No Impact
Marriage and Civil Partnership:	Positive
Pregnancy and Maternity:	Positive
Race/Ethnicity:	No Impact
Religion or Belief:	No Impact
Sex:	No Impact
Sexual Orientation:	No Impact

Equality and diversity Implications:

All children aged 3-5 years will be offered additional free hours of Early Learning and Childcare and therefore no child will be denied the opportunity to access high quality ELC provision that is flexible, accessible and affordable. Criteria for eligible two year olds has been identified by the Scottish Government and prioritises Looked After or Accommodated Children, low income or out of work families.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

There are no foreseen negative impacts or implications

Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No

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B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:

Geography

Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):	Positive
Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):	Positive
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):	Positive
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):	Positive
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):	Positive
East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):	Positive
The Ferry:	Positive
West End:	Positive

Household Group

Lone Parent Families:	Positive
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:	Positive
Pensioners - Single/Couple:	No Impact
Single female households with children:	Positive
Unskilled workers or unemployed:	Positive
Serious and enduring mental health problems:	Positive
Homeless:	Not Known
Drug and/or alcohol problems:	Positive
Offenders and Ex-offenders:	Not Known
Looked after children and care leavers:	Positive
Carers:	Positive

Significant Impact

Employment:	Positive
Education and Skills:	Positive
Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:	Positive
Childcare:	Positive
Affordability and Accessibility of services:	Positive

Fairness and Poverty Implications:

Increased ELC entitlement will help families to return to work or training and will help with childcare costs. Effective multi- agency working will facilitate opportunities to access/ signpost benefit advice/ income maximisation within ELC settings.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

There are no foreseen negative impacts or implications.

C. Environmental Impacts

Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases:	Not Known
Adapting to the effects of climate change:	Not Known

Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption:	Not Known
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:	Not Known
Sustainable Procurement:	Not Known

Transport

Accessible transport provision:	Not Known
Sustainable modes of transport:	Not Known

Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality:	Not Known
Biodiversity:	Not Known
Open and green spaces:	Positive

Built Environment

Built Heritage:	Not Known
Housing:	Not Known

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

There are no foreseen mitigating negative impacts or implications

Environmental Implications:

Children will have more opportunity to explore the natural environment including woodlands and parks thereby increasing the footfall and use of community assets.

D. Corporate Risk Impacts

Corporate Risk Implications:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: