Decision Register Entry

Executive Forward Plan Reference

E2414

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

Expansion of Early Years Entitlement offer for two year old children

Date of Meeting	11-Jul-12
The Issue	From 1st September 2013 there will be a mandatory Early Years Entitlement for a cohort of eligible 2 year old children as defined by guidance and criteria provided by the Department for Education) It is also proposed that from September 2014 the number of children eligible for the entitlement will double from the 2013 objective.
The decision	(1) To NOTE that the Council is fulfilling its statutory duty as required by the Education Act 2011 and DfE requirements;
	(2) To NOTE that the Council in fulfilling the requirements relating to sufficiency of provision as required by the Childcare Act 2006 and any subsequent legislative amendments will do so with due regard to the resources required and available;
	(3) To AGREE that the Council will continue to expand the scheme further by September 2014 in line with national requirements subject to decisions of the Council at its budget meeting in February 2013; and
	(4) To APPROVE the use of a Section 106 payment enabling an increase in provision not previously listed as part of the Capital Programme.
Rationale for decision	This is a mandatory requirement on all Councils from September 2013
Other options considered	None
The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision	