



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 18 July, 2019**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),  
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,  
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and  
Councillor C Leyshon

**Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-**

Councillor J Cullwick.

***Agenda Item : 4***

**SUBJECT: Transformation of the Early Years System in Rhondda Cynon Taf**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. That following consideration of the report and consultation responses to endorse the progress made to date and proposals for further transformation of the Early Years System in Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Cwm Taf region.
2. To approve the plan to adopt a phased approach to providing funded childcare based on assessed need that is not limited to existing Flying Start postcode areas, as set out in sections 6.8 to 6.11 of the report.
3. That with effect from September 2019, to approve the reduction in the number of weeks per year funded childcare places offered from 42 weeks to 39 weeks to align with Flying Start Guidance and current practice in the rest of Wales.
4. To submit a formal proposal to Welsh Government seeking Ministerial support to pilot further changes to the Early Years system in relation to the introduction of a needs based approach and changes to health visiting; implementing the outcomes of the Early Years Co-construction Pathfinder Programme.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to brief Cabinet on the progress with the Cwm Taf Early Years Co-construction Project, and to advise of the consultation responses received in respect of the matter.

The need to implement the proposed changes to the existing model to deliver the transformation of the early years system in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:**

The implementation of the new Early Years System for RCT will contribute to the Council's corporate priority to 'promote independence and positive lives for everyone'. As outlined within section 11 of the report the Early Years System has been developed in full consideration of the sustainable development principles.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

Consultation with parents and families was undertaken prior to the implementation of a universal parenting offer across RCT in April 2018.

Public consultation was also undertaken on the proposed Early Years transformation in June 2019. 254 responses were received via an online survey on the Council's website and face-to-face consultation undertaken at the Teddy Bear's Picnic event. The full Consultation Report is included at Appendix 1 of the report.

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

None

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

None

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

N/A

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

Yes

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **24 July 2019** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

**I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-**

Reason: N/A

**II. URGENT DECISION:-**

Reason N/A

**8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**