

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### FAIR FUNDING CONSULTATION – PROPOSALS FOR A NEW EARLY YEARS SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA FOR THE FUNDING OF THE FREE ENTITLEMENT FOR 2, 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

Date Of Decision	15 March 2017
Decision Maker	Councillor Marc Bayliss
Brief Description Of Decision	<p><b>The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families:</b></p> <p>(a) notes the changes made by the Department for Education (DfE) for the funding of Early Years (EY) for 2, 3 and 4 year olds from April 2017, including the national policy to increase the free entitlement to 30 hours from September 2017 for working parents;</p> <p>(b) notes the DfE new national allocation formula for the EY Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and the positive impact for Worcestershire in providing significant additional EY DSG;</p> <p>(c) has regard to the consultation undertaken in January and February 2017;</p> <p>(d) notes the consultation feedback in Appendices 2 and 3;</p> <p>(e) notes the involvement of the Worcestershire Schools Forum (WSF) members and EY providers during the consultation;</p> <p>(f) notes the views of the WSF on the proposals for a new Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) for the funding of the free entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in Appendix 4;</p> <p>(g) approves the new EYSFF for the funding of the free entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year olds from April 2017</p>

	<p><b>to apply for 2017-18 and other matters as detailed in paragraph 38 having regard to the consultation feedback from EY providers detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 together with the views of the WSF in Appendix 4;</b></p> <p><b>(h) authorises the Director of Children, Families and Communities to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new EYSFF for the funding of the free entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year olds from April 2017 as required.</b></p>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	To comply with the Government's new Funding arrangements for Early Years' providers
<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	<p>The Council conducted a formal consultation with all Early Years' providers and the Worcestershire Schools Forum. The consultation outcomes have been considered fully by the Worcestershire Schools Forum and the Cabinet Member in arriving at the decision.</p> <p>The decision takes account of Government requirements, views received during the consultation and the funding available.</p>
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	None
<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Mr M L Bayliss