

AGENDA ITEM 6
EARLY YEARS REFERENCE GROUP
11th MAY 2009

REPORT TO THE EARLY YEARS REFERENCE GROUP (EYRG)
NEXT STAGES AND TIMESCALES

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To discuss with the EYRG proposals for the next stages and timescales for the introduction of the new single Early Years (EY) formula.

2. SUGGESTED TIMESCALES

2.1 The introduction of the new single formula will requires specific issues to be programmed prior to its implementation from April 2009.

2.2 Suggested tasks and timescales are proposed in the following table: -

TASK	PROPOSED TIMESCALES	ACTION
Consider of further draft of the consultation document	11 th May 2009	EYRG
Receipt of comments and final changes on consultation document	By 20 th May 2009	EYRG
Finalise consultation document	By end May 2009	Children's Services
Issue of formal consultation document and covering letter	By 8 th June 2009	Children's Services
Formal statutory consultation period	9 th June 2009 to 17 th July 2009	All providers and consultees
Area consultation meetings for all providers x3	w/c 6 th July 2009	Children's Services
Analysis of consultation outcomes	By mid August 2009	Children's Services
Consideration of consultation outcomes and recommendations for changes	End September 2009	EYRG and WSF
Formal reporting of recommendations for changes and decisions on new single formula	During October 2009 or November 2009	County Council Cabinet
Notification to all providers of consultation outcomes and decisions	End October 2009 or November 2009	Children's Services
Modelling of impact of formula changes	During November 2009 and December 2009	Children's Services
Formulation of payment arrangements for providers	End January 2009	Children's Services
Issue of indicative budgets for 2010/11 for all providers	Mid March 2009	Children's Services
New formula implemented incorporating agreed transitional arrangements	April 2009	Children's Services
Initial payments made to providers	April 2009	Children's Services

3. RECOMMENDATION

The EYRG discusses the above issues including any changes and other tasks.

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