

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board

28th April 2016

Report of the Head of Participation Chris Millis

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

All Wards

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Year Three Action Plan 2016 / 2017

Purpose of the Report

To seek Member approval to implement the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment action plan for 2016 / 2017 in Neath Port Talbot.

Executive Summary

The Report highlights the key actions that will be implemented in delivering the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment action plan during 2016 / 2017 in the context of the overarching three year plan.

Background

A key part of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment is the three year action plan. This seeks to ensure that by the time of the next assessment in 2017

positive changes have been made which respond to the needs of parents / carers, providers and children and improve the childcare market in Neath Port Talbot.

The action plan for 16/17 should be read in the context of the whole three year plan and for that reason the whole three year plan is contained in Appendix 1 with the plan for 16/17 from page 16 onwards. The plan is based on the findings and recommendations of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. It also takes into account the ideas, options and proposals put forward by stakeholders at the action plan workshop held in January 2014.

The actions have been derived in support of the 12 priorities identified in the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. It should be noted that actions may have a positive impact in relation to more than one priority but have been placed in the priority for which they are most likely to deliver meaningful change.

Priorities

The action plan seeks to address the following priorities identified during the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Process.

- Affordability
- Times when provision is available
- Out of School Care
- Sustaining Existing Provision
- Supporting families where parents who are studying and / or looking for work
- Working with employers
- Work with Partners
- Awareness
- Benefits
- Meeting Specific Needs

- Ensuring quality provision
- Use of Resources

Financial Impact

The Child Care and Early Years Unit is funded from Grant Aid and also from Core. These sources of funding include the Childcare Strategy Grant, Out of School Childcare Grant, Healthy and Sustainable Pre School Scheme and the O Gam i Gam Referral Scheme through families First.

Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the initial screening assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce implications.

Legal Impacts

There are no legal implications.

Risk Management

This Report seeks to minimise the risk to the Council by addressing the issues contained within the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

Consultation

The three year action plan (Appendix 1) is based on the findings and recommendations of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. It also takes into account the ideas, options and proposals put forward by stakeholders at the action plan workshop held in January 2014.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members agree to the implementation of the of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment action plan 2016 / 2017 in Neath Port Talbot.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

The report will enable the Council to deliver elements of The Childcare Act 2006 and the recommendations of Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

Implementation of Decision

It is proposed for the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Childcare Sufficiency Assessment delivery plan.

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