

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee 5th January 2017**

### **Report of the Head of Participation – Chris Millis**

#### **Matter for information**

**Wards Affected:** All

#### **Early Years and Childcare Service Report Card 2016-17**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the progress of the Early Years and Childcare Service in Neath Port Talbot.

#### **Background**

2. The Early Years and Childcare Unit (EYCU) is based in Ffrwdwyllt House, Taibach, Port Talbot and sits closely with the Family Information Service in the same office. There are 4 members of staff within the Unit, the Coordinator works 30 hours per week, the Childcare Development Officer works 37 hours per week, Assistant Childcare Development Officer works 30 hours and a part time Clerical Officer who works 22 hours per week.
3. The Unit seeks to support all childcare providers throughout the county borough with its main aim of keeping childcare settings open to ensure that the local authority meets its statutory duty of providing sufficient childcare places for those parents or carers who want them.

4. The Childcare Act 2006 introduced statutory duties for all local authorities which include:
  - Providing sufficient childcare places.
  - Undertaking a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) every 3 years.
  - Provide a comprehensive family information service.

A 3 year delivery plan is developed as part of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and this guides the work of the Early Years and Childcare Unit.

5. EYCU work to support all existing childcare providers and parent and toddler groups and we encourage all groups to work towards a Quality Assurance kite mark to ensure that parents can be confident that their child is receiving childcare that is second to none.

6. Funding for childcare settings is made via grants:

Childcare Strategy Grant

Out of School Childcare Grant

Healthy and Sustainable Pre School Scheme

O Gam i Gam Referral Scheme

## **Financial Impact**

7. There are no financial impacts in relation to this report.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

8. Having considered the Council's screening assessment guidance produced to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 it has been determined that the proposal within this report does not require an equalities impact assessment.

## **Workforce Impacts**

9. There are no direct workforce or staffing issues in relation to this report.

## **Legal Impacts**

10. There is no legal impact in relation to this report.

## **Risk Management**

11. There is no identified risk to this report.

## **Consultation**

12. Not applicable.

## **Recommendations**

13. The report be noted.

## **Implementation of Decision**

14. Not applicable.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Early Years and Childcare Service Report Card  
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## Appendix 1 - Early Years and Childcare Service Report Card 2016-17