

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Councillor Tom Usher

KEY DECISION: Yes

PORTFOLIO AREA: Children, Families and Education

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: Children, Families and Education

WARDS AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: Early Childhood Charging Policy

1.0 RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approves the proposal for applying charges through a charging policy framework.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 Wirral Council is committed to the pledges *Children Are Ready for School* and *Vulnerable Children Reach their Full Potential*. In line with those pledges, the proposed Charging Policy will enhance the capabilities of the early years workforce and support more children to achieve Good Levels of Development (GLD). The proposal will contribute to this by enabling an enhanced level of quality training and support for early years providers across Wirral.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 4.1 None.

Signed: 

Executive Member: Cllr Tom Usher

Date: 8 August 2019

Also present:

Signed: 

Chief Officer: Paul Boyce

Date: 8 August 2019

Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

Contact Officer:

Date:

Date of Publication:

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: