

**To: Education and Children's Services Policy Board**

**On: 24 May 2018**

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**Report by: Director of Children's Services**

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**Heading: Grant allocation to support services for children and families**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1. Renfrewshire Council is committed to supporting the independent sector's contribution to early years provision in Renfrewshire through the allocation of funding to support a range of private and voluntary sector organisations which deliver services for families with young children.
  - 1.2. On 15 March 2018 the Education and Children's Services Policy Board approved funding to support services for children and families for 2018/19. Following that meeting an application for support was received from the Moorpark Community Association – Cherrie Children's Daycare. The application meets the criteria for support and as the grant is over £1500 it requires approval by the Policy Board.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The education and children's services policy board approves a grant of £1600 to Moorpark Community Association – Cherrie Children's Daycare as detailed in appendix 1 attached to this report, subject to the completion of satisfactory checks and assessments.
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## **3. Background**

- 3.1. Renfrewshire Council has been committed to developing and supporting services for families for many years. A number of private and voluntary sector organisations deliver a range of these services within Renfrewshire.
- 3.2. Working in partnership with providers from the private and voluntary sector, including out of school care and playgroups has enabled the council to continue to support families with young children.

- 3.3 The Education and Children's Services Policy Board on 15 March 2018, approved funding to support services for children and families for 2018/19. It was agreed that further applications for grants up to £1,500 will be approved by the director of children's services under the council's existing scheme of delegation functions. Grant awards greater than £1,500 are required to be presented to the Education and Children Services Policy Board for approval.
- 3.4 An application for funding was received from the Moorpark Community Association – Cherrie Children's Daycare after the last Policy Board. The proposed allocation of grant to this organisation is £1600 as detailed in appendix 1.
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## **Implications of this report**

### **1. Financial**

Cost relating to the proposals in this report will be met from existing funding resources.

### **2. HR and Organisational Development**

None.

### **3. Community/Council Planning**

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| Our Renfrewshire is thriving                         | - Ensuring the best start in life for children and young people.   |
| Our Renfrewshire is well                             | - Early intervention will lead to healthier outcomes for children and young people.  |
| Our Renfrewshire is safe                             | - The provision of funding to local groups contributes to the development of local communities.  |
| Building strong, safe and resilient communities      | - The quality of community life is enhanced by supporting parents, children and young people.  |
| Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all  | - Effective governance arrangements ensure that the organisations receiving funding comply with legislative requirements.              |
| Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy | - Support to families and flexible childcare placements will support parents into and sustain employment, training or enter education. |

### **4. Legal**

The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the Council to provide a range of grants. Payments will be in line with the Council's conditions of grant.

The Council's conditions of grant will apply to approved voluntary sector providers, out of school care and play group and toddler groups as detailed in appendix 1, 2 and 3 of the report.

**5. Property/Assets**

None.

**6. Information Technology**

None.

**7. Equality and Human Rights**

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. Services comply with the Equality Act 2010.

**8. Health and Safety**

None

**9. Procurement**

None.

**10. Risk**

All grant awards issued by the Council are subject to the Council's approved conditions of grant as detailed in Section 4 of this report and to compliance with appropriate risk management procedures.

**11. Privacy Impact**

Personal information will only be held as required in order to deliver the service. This will be done in accordance with all data protection legislation.

**12. Cosla Policy Position**

None.

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**List of Background Papers**

None.

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## Distribution of Funding to Support Services for Children and Families 2018/19

## Distribution of Funding to Support Services for Children and Families - Out-of-School Care Support 2018/19

Criteria for allocating OSC funding											
Name of Group	SIMD	Private	Renfrewshire	Subsidised	Equipment	Expansion of	Expansion of	Holiday cover	Use Schools or	Points	Award
		0 Points	Council	Places	1 point	childcare places	childcare places	1 point	Community halls	Accrued	Recommended
		Voluntary	Targeted	1 Point	per 8 existing places	2 points per 8 places	5 points	Per	Term Time -1 Point		
		1 point	Data Zones Area	per 8 places	places	for existing	per 8 places new	8 Places	Year Round -2 Points		£
			5 points			providers	provider				
Moorpark Community Association – Cherrie Children's Daycare	1	1	5	0	5	0	0	5	0	16	£1600

NB: Value per point = £100