

To: Education and Children's Services Policy Board

On: 14 March 2024

Report by: Director of Children's Services

Heading: Distribution of Funding to Support Services for Children and Families – Funding Allocation for 2024/25

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. This report provides information on the proposed allocation of funding during 2024/25 to out of school care groups in the private and voluntary sector and for early years voluntary sector organisations, playgroups and toddler groups.
 - 1.3. Acceptance of the recommendations contained within the report will result in £83,838 being disbursed to private and voluntary sector organisations.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Education and Children's Services Policy Board is asked to:
 - i. approve the resource allocation to support the delivery of services for children and young people as outlined in appendix 1 to this report; and
 - ii. agree the proposed allocation of grant funding for out of school care and pre five voluntary sector (subject to the completion of satisfactory checks and assessments as detailed in appendices 2 and 3 attached to this report
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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.
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4. Proposals for the Allocation of Funding 2024/25

- 4.1. Renfrewshire Council continues to support voluntary sector organisations through the distribution of funding for the delivery of services for families with young children.
- 4.2. For the avoidance of doubt the grant award arrangements are compliant with the Council's Conditions of Grant, payments will only be made to those recommended organisations detailed within this report when all satisfactory checks and assessments have been completed. These checks also include financial information and latest Care Inspectorate grades for those services required to register with the Care Inspectorate.
- 4.3. Appendix 1 of this report provides an overview of the proposed allocation of £83,838 for grants to voluntary sector organisations supporting children and families, out of school care services and pre-5 voluntary sector playgroups for 2024/25. The proposed allocation of funding to the 2 individual voluntary providers and pre-5 voluntary sector playgroups and toddler groups is agreed in accordance with previous grant allocation and available budget. The proposed grant for out of school care is based on a points system.
- 4.4. Appendix 2 attached to the report provides a breakdown of the proposed allocation of £23,138 to the out of school care sector.
- 4.5. The criteria agreed for the disbursement of the resources for out of school care services continues to ensure an equal and fair allocation of the resources. Each point awarded translates into a sum of money, with the funding allocated to each group agreed by the Policy Board. The Education and Children's Services Policy Board at its meeting on the 15 March 2018 approved a point value of £100 per point. The proposed allocation of funding outlined in appendix 2 continues to be based on a point value of £100.
- 4.6. Appendix 3 of this report provides a breakdown of the proposed allocation of £1500 to the pre-5 voluntary sector playgroups and toddler groups.
- 4.7. Further applications for grants which are under £1,500 will be approved by the Director of Children's Services, using delegated authority on the basis of the Council's existing scheme of delegation functions. Any award greater than £1,500 will be presented to future Education and Children Services Policy Board meetings for approval.

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 Plan/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 appendices 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. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

A requirement of the Council's Conditions of the Grant is that 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 paragraph 4.2 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.

13. Climate Risk

None.

List of Background Papers

None.

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Service	Outcome	Funding proposed 2024/25
Home-Start Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	Less isolation for families improving mental health and confidence levels. Training and development opportunities provided to volunteers and parents/carers. (Grant funding is to support Renfrewshire families)	£45,200
<u>Care Inspectorate Provider Name:</u> Moorpark Community Association Cherrie Childrens Day-care <u>Name of Group on Application Form:</u> Moorpark Community Association Cherrie children's Daycare <u>Care Inspectorate Service Name:</u> Cherrie Children Daycare	Young children aged 0 to 3 years being supported within a safe and stimulating environment and being able to access good quality learning experiences supported by knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff.	£14,000
Out of School Care Services (appendix 2)	Support to out of school care services in the independent sector to provide high quality play experiences for children and an affordable service for parents/carers.	£23,138
Pre-5 Voluntary Sector Grants (appendix 3)	Support to individual pre-5 voluntary sector providers.	£1500
Total		£83,838

OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE SUPPORT 2024/25													
Provider Details				Criteria								Total	
Care Inspectorate Provider Name	Name of Group on Application Form	Care Inspectorate Service Name	SIMD 2024	Private 0 Points Voluntary 1 point	Renfrewshire Council Targeted Data Zone Area 5 Points	Subsidised Places 1 Point per 8 places	Equipment 1 point per 8 existing places	Expansion of childcare places 2 points per 8 places for existing providers	Expansion of childcare places 5 points per 8 places for New Provider	Holiday cover 1 point per 8 places	Use Schools or Community halls Term Time Only -1 point Year Round -2 Points	Points Accrued	Award Recommended
Carli's Kindergarten Ltd	Carli's Kindergarten Ltd	CK Childcare	5	0	0	6	17.5	17.5	0	6.25	-2	45.25	£4,525.00
Carli's Kindergarten Ltd	Carli's Kindergarten Ltd	CK Childcare	5	0	0	1.00	3	0	0	0	-1	3	£300.00
Gryffe Manor Nursery Ltd	Gryffe Manor Out of School Care	Gryffe Manor Out of School care	10	0	0	0.00	10	0	0	6.25	-2	14.25	£1,425.00
Hummingbird Out of School Care Limited	Hummingbird Out of School Limited	Hummingbird Out of School Care Limited	4	0	0	0.00	3.75	0	0	3.75	0	7.5	£750.00
Insafe Hands Childcare Limited	In Safe Hands Childcare (ST.James OSC).	St. James Out of School Care	2	0	5	0.50	7.5	0	0	0	-1	12	£1,200.00
Insafe Hands Childcare Limited	In Safe Hands Childcare Ltd (Newmains OSC)	Insafe Hands (Newmains)	4	0	0	0.00	5	0	0	5	-2	8	£800.00
Insafe Hands Childcare Limited	In Safe Hands Childcare Ltd	In Safe Hands	2	0	5	0.25	3	0	0	3	0	11.25	£1,125.00
Johnstone Out of School Service Committee	Johnstone out of School Service	Johnstone Out of School Service	4	1	0	0.00	5	0	0	5	-2	9	£900.00
Kilbarchan Community Nursery SCIO	Kilbarchan Community Nursery SCIO	Kilbarchan Community Nursery	6	1	0	0.00	2.5	0	0	0	-1	2.5	£250.00
KLAS Care C.I.C.	KLAS Care C.I.C	KLAS Care C.I.C	4	0	0	1.63	6.25	2.5	0	0	-1	9.38	£938.00
KLAS Care C.I.C.	KLAS Care C.I.C	KLAS Care	3	0	0	1.38	5	0	0	5	-2	9.375	£937.50
Making Memories Childcare Ltd	Making Memories Childcare Ltd	Making Memories Childcare Ltd (Out of School Care)	7	0	0	0.50	3.75	0	0	3.75	0	8	£800.00
Moorpark Community Association Cherrie Children's Day-care	Moorpark Community Association Cherrie children's Daycare	Cherrie Children Daycare	1	1	5	0.00	5	0	0	5	-2	14	£1,400.00
Ralston After School Care Committee	Ralston Primary Out of School Care	Ralston After School Care	9	1	0	2.25	12.5	0	0	10	-2	23.75	£2,375.00
Roin Ltd	Jennyswell OSC Lochfield	Jennyswell OSC -Lochfield	4	0	0	1.00	4	0	0	0	-1	4	£400.00
Roin Ltd	Jennyswell OSC at Todholm	Jennyswell OSC -Todholm	4	0	0	1.13	6.25	0	0	6.25	-2	11.625	£1,162.50
School's Out Centres Limited	School's Out Centres Limited	'School's Out' - Bargarran	5	0	0	3.00	6.25	0	0	6.25	-2	13.5	£1,350.00
School's Out Centres Limited	School's Out Centres Limited	'School's Out' - Barsail	4	0	0	2.13	5	0	0	5	-2	10.125	£1,012.50
Strawberry Field Nursery	Strawberry Field Nursery	Strawberry Field Out of School Care	8	0	0	3.38	7.5	0	0	4	0	14.875	£1,487.50
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Distribution of funding support services for children and families - pre-five voluntary sector grants 2024/25

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Recommendation Award 2024/25
Langbank Playgroup	To provide quality play and learning opportunities for children.	£500
Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	To provide children with a greater variety of stimulating play activities.	£500
Ralston Playgroup	To promote an interest in books, literacy and learning.	£500
Total		£1500