
To: Education Policy Board

On: 5 March 2015

Report by: Director of Children's Services

Heading: Distribution of Funding to Support Services for Children and Families – Funding Allocation for 2015/16

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. The resource allocation available within the service's mainline budget is £872,241.
- 1.3. This report advises of the funding allocation to providers in the private and voluntary sector to assist the delivery of services for children and families.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The education policy board is asked to:
 - i. approve the resource allocation of £872,241 to support the delivery of services for young children and day care provision within Renfrewshire Council area as outlined in the appendix to this report; and
 - ii. note that specific allocations in relation to pre-school voluntary sector grants and out of school care funding are the subject of two separate reports to this education policy board.

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 has enabled the council to continue to support families with young children.
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4. Proposals for the Allocation of Funding 2015/16

- 4.1 The appendix to this report details the proposed allocations to partner providers for 2015/16.
- 4.2. The specific allocations relating to pre-school voluntary sector and out of school care grants are included in separate reports to this education policy board.
- 4.3 In previous years, Linwood Community Childcare has been allocated £130,000 to provide places for children aged 0-3 years. An increase of £10,000 was approved for financial year 2014/15 for a one year period only. Their funding application for 2015/16 requested £140,000 however due to the funding available the allocations proposed for 2015/16 is £130,000.
- 4.4 The funding application from Home-Start Renfrewshire requested an increase in grant funding for 2015/16 from £45,200 to £64,248 to work with additional families (from a target of 35 to 50 families). Due to the grant funding available the level of grant proposed is £45,200.
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Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

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

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

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| Children and Young People | - Ensuring the best start in life for children and young people. |
| Community Care, Health and Well-being | - Earlier intervention will lead to healthier outcomes for young children. |
| Empowering our Communities | - Children, young people and families will benefit from local services in the community. |
| Jobs and Economy | - Flexible and childcare placements will support parents back into and sustain employment, training or education. |
| Safer and Stronger | - The quality of community life is enhanced by supporting parents, children and young people. |

4. Legal Implications

Service level agreements are entered into under the council's conditions of grant agreement between the council and each partner organisation in receipt of funding from the independent and voluntary sector.

For day care services payment is made upon receipt of valid invoices for services rendered.

5. Property/Assets Implications

None

6. Information Technology

None

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

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 because there is no decrease to the level of funding being proposed therefore no diminution of service. Services comply with the Equality Act 2010.

8. Health and Safety

None

9. Procurement Implications

None

10. Risk Implications

- All grant awards are subject to compliance with appropriate risk management procedures.
- Applicants receiving grants of over £5000 are required to submit annual accounts produced by a competent independent person. Where the total offer of Grant is £25,000 or more the accounts must be reported on by a qualified accountant being an independent person eligible under the Companies Act 2006 for appointment as a company auditor or by complying with other safeguards as detailed in the council's conditions of grants.
- All organisations are required to submit a statement showing expenditure against agreed purpose of the award.
- A financial statement is required prior to the release of each instalment of the award which is scrutinised by an appropriate officer.
- Recommendations are made based on knowledge of each applicant group and their contribution to enhancing opportunities for residents of Renfrewshire.
- Applicants receiving payment through an invoice system deliver the service in advance of payment.

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.

List of Background Papers

- (a) Distribution of funding to support services for children and families 2014/15, education policy board, 6 March 2014;
- (b) Revision of grant conditions for voluntary organisations, general management and finance policy board, 6 March 2012; and

The foregoing background papers will be retained within ELS for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is Mary Gill, Partnership Support Officer, Tel No: 0141 618 5684, email: mary.gill@renfrewshire.gsx.gov.uk

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Distribution of Funding to Support Services for Children and Families 2015/16

Service	Outcome	Funding Allocated 2014/15	Funding Proposed 2015/16	Comments
Renfrewshire Council Social Work Services- Early Years Teams (Formerly Family Matters Project)	Intensive support to families with children under 3 years.	£29,994	£29,994	Payment is made through an internal account
Home-Start Renfrewshire	Outreach service for families with children under 5 years	£45,200	£45,200	Grant payment will be phased over 4 quarters
Childcare First Ltd	Support to Hillview and Rainbow nurseries to support childcare for vulnerable children, and those living in areas of greatest deprivation	£292,997	£292,997	Grant payment will be phased over 4 quarters
Linwood Community Childcare	Provision of places for children aged 0-3 years in Linwood Community Childcare.	£140,000	£130,000	Grant payment will be phased over 4 quarters
Cherrie Day Care Nursery & Out of School Care	Support to residents from designated data zones in the Moorpark and Renfrew area.	£14,000	£14,000	Grant payment will be phased over 4 quarters
Renfrewshire Early Years Forum for Voluntary Sector	Voluntary sector forum supporting playgroups/ voluntary projects	£14,000	£14,000	Grant payment will be phased over 4 quarters
Pre-5 Voluntary Sector Grants	Support to individual pre-5 voluntary sector providers.	£10,000	£10,000	Payment will be issued following grant application. The grant allocation is contained within a separate report to the education policy board on 05 March 2015.
Out of School Care Services	Support to out of school care services in the independent sector.	£209,800	£219,800	Payment will be issued following grant application. The grant allocations will be contained within a separate report to the education policy board on 05 March 2015.
Day Care Service	Contract for the support the provision of day care placements for families with very young children.	£116,250	£116,250	Any payment shall be made through an invoice system for day carers and usual funding arrangement to providers delivering early learning and childcare.
	Total	£ 872,241	£872,241	