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

**On: 16 January 2020**

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

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**Heading: Distribution of Funding to Support Services for Children and Families – Funding Allocation for 2019/20**

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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. A previous report was submitted and approved by the Education and Children's Services Policy Board on the 14 March 2019 relating to funding allocations during this financial year to: out of school care groups in the private and voluntary sector; early years voluntary sector organisations, playgroups and toddler groups.
  - 1.3. This additional report provides information on the proposed allocation of funding to Insafehands Childcare Ltd, following a recent grant application from this service.
  - 1.4. Acceptance of the recommendations contained within the report will result in £2,858 being disbursed to this private organisation.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Services Policy Board is asked to approve the resource allocation to Insafehands Childcare Ltd as outlined in appendix 1 of 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 2019/20**

- 4.1. For the avoidance of doubt, payments will only be made to those recommended organisations detailed within this report when all satisfactory checks and assessments have been completed. These checks include financial information and latest Care Inspectorate grades.
  - 4.2. Appendix 1 of this report provides an overview of the proposed allocation of £2,858 for a grant for this out of school care service for financial year 2019/20. The level of funding being proposed has been pro-rata to reflect the service only operating since August 2019.
  - 4.3. 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 on an annual basis by the policy board. The proposed point value for 2019/20 is £100 per point.
  - 4.4. 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 boards for approval.
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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 as detailed in appendix 1 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 comply 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.

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**List of Background Papers**

None.

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# Appendix 1

Nov-19		OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE SUPPORT 2019/20										
Name of Group	SIMD	Criteria										
		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	2 points per 8 places	5 points	Per	Term Time Only			
		1 point	Data Zones Area	per 8 places	places	for existing	per 8 places	8 Places	- 1 Point		£100	
			5 points			providers	For New		Year Round			
						Provider		-2 Points				
In Safe Hands Childcare Ltd	2	0	5	0.00	7.5	0	37.5	0	-1	49	£2,858	Pro rata
											£2,858	