



Subject:	Motion – Childcare Provision
Date:	24th November, 2023
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted? Yes No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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 2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
 4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter
 5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
	To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to Childcare Provision, which the Standards and Business Committee considered at its meeting on 24th October.
2.0	Recommendation
	The Committee is asked to consider the motion.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 24th October, considered the following motion which had been received for submission to the Council on 1st November:</p> <p><u>Childcare Provision</u></p> <p>“This Council recognises childcare as vital social and economic infrastructure, a crucial form of early intervention, early education, an anti-poverty tool and a means by which to improve productivity and gender equality in the labour market across the Council area; believes that childcare should be child-centred, high quality and accessible to all children; and commits to reviewing how the Council can support childcare provision in the area, including reviewing whether schemes supported by the Council during school holidays can be expanded.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Maghie, Secunder: Councillor Bower</p> <p>3.2 The motion calls upon the Council to review how it can support childcare provision in the area. There is currently a motion in the system on a childcare strategy, which falls within the remit of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, which that Committee, at its meeting on 20th October, agreed to keep open. This latest motion was, therefore, referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.3 None at this stage.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.4 This motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>

4.0	Documents Attached
	None