



URGENT DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This form **MUST** have an accompanying report attached.

Reference Number:	CEX / URGENT / 2020-001
Title of Report	Early Years Funding for the Private Voluntary and Independent Childcare Sector during the COVID19 Pandemic
Department	Children and Families Department
Relevant Committee	Children and Young People's Committee
Date of next Committee Meeting	There are no committees scheduled for the foreseeable future due to the COVID19 pandemic

Summary of Decision Sought (including reason/s)	<p>To secure emergency funding to enable Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI) early years settings to continue to provide funded childcare for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds during a three week period which includes the Easter holidays.</p> <p>The recommendation is to identify and allocate £300,000 to enable PVI providers to continue to provide childcare for critical workers and vulnerable children throughout this three week period where funding is not available from the Early Years block of the Dedicated Schools Grant.</p> <p>The decision is needed to support critical workers and vulnerable children during the COVID19 pandemic is paramount to prevent loss of life and ease the burden on critical services such as the NHS or social care.</p> <p>Without additional funding, many PVI providers would close. We know that there at least 50 childcare settings who would re-open if funding was available; the figure is likely to be greater once local consultation has been completed.</p>
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Reason/s for urgency	Schools were due to break for the Easter break from Friday and many PVI providers close during the school holidays. The funding is required to enable PVI providers to remain open during this time. The decision must be taken urgently to enable the providers to make arrangements to remain open next week.
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Date request / report received	31/03/2020	Date form originated	31/03/2020
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DETAILS OF CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Councillors	Date	Signed	Proposed decision supported? (Yes / No)
Leader	1/4/2020	Cllr Cutts – Email confirmation received 1/4/2020	Yes
Chair / Vice-Chair of relevant Committee	1/4/2020	Cllr Owen - Email confirmation received 1/4/2020	Yes

Leader/s of opposition group/s	1/4/2020	Cllr Rhodes – email confirmation received 1/4/2020 Cllr Zadrozny – email confirmation received 1/4/2020	Yes Yes
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If consultation has not been undertaken please give reasons:	
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Approval from Chief Executive (or delegated Corporate Director in Chief Executive's absence)

Signed..........

Date...1 April 2020

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