

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 8th May 2025.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Richard Bell, Bill Butler, Christina Cannon, John Carson (substitute for Saqib Ahmed), Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Laura Doherty (substitute for Chris Cunningham), Greg Hepburn, Rashid Hussain (substitute for George Redmond), Paul Leinster (substitute for Ruairi Kelly), Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney, Jill Pidgeon, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique, Catherine Vallis (substitute for Jill Brown) and Martha Wardrop and James Hamilton.

Apologies: Saqib Ahmed, Jill Brown, Chris Cunningham, John Daly, Ruairi Kelly, Cecilia O'Lone and George Redmond and Lorraine Legrix.

Attending: E Rodger (Clerk); D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; R Emmott, Executive Director of Financial Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; and P Togher Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Partner Commissioning Arrangements – Proposals agreed.

1 With reference to the minutes of Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee of 24th April 2025 (Print 1, page 59) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee an increase to the commissioning rate for funded providers within Early Learning and Childcare from 1st April 2025, Councillor Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

- (1) that the Scottish Government's Funding Follows the Child Guidance and National Standard set out the principles and practice for funded early years providers seeking to enter or maintain partnership status with a local authority;
- (2) that the guidance for setting sustainable rates for the delivery of funded early learning and childcare in 2025/26 had been issued in February 2025 and outlined the criteria which councils should follow in setting a sustainable rate, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the national guidance also highlighted that from a local authority perspective the rate must be sustainable for authorities in terms of the budgets available and of various other matters that were important to consider when setting a sustainable rate, as detailed in the report;

- (4) that Education Services had proposed a commissioning rate of £6.70 per hour for each funded child aged 3-5 years and £7.94 for each funded child aged 2-3 years, which would be payable from April 2025 for a period of 1 year and represented an uplift of 3.75% on the unit cost;
- (5) that in addition to the rate per hour, all funded children were also entitled to a free meal each day the child attended as part of their statutory entitlement, which was payable daily over and above the hourly rate per child and was currently £3.00 per child per day;
- (6) that there was no proposal to change either the meal rate of £3.00 or the Scottish Government funded snack rate of 58.2p; and
- (7) of the financial impact of the proposed cost uplift for 2025/26 and of the funded provider support package.

After consideration, the committee approved an increase to the commissioning rate from 1st April 2025 of

- (a) £0.24 to £6.70 per child per hour for 3–5 year olds; and
- (b) £0.29 to £7.94 per child per hour for 2–3 year olds.