Partner Commissioning Arrangements – Proposals agreed – Reference to City Administration Committee.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding a proposed rate for funded providers within Early Learning and Childcare from August 2023, advising that

(1) as part of a robust internal planning process, the Council had been seeking to determine a sustainable commissioning rate which, whilst providing best value for the Council, also supported funded providers to deliver statutory Early Learning and Childcare places to Glasgow families in line with the expectations of the National Standard operating guidance;

(2) the Council continued to engage with the Scottish Government and the Improvement Service to determine robust methodology to support the establishment of a commissioning rate which would work for both funded providers and deliver best value to the Council;

(3) it was proposed that the commissioning rate of £6.00 per hour for each funded child aged 3-5 years and £7.11 for each funded child aged 2-3 years would be payable from August 2023 for a 1-year period, and would be subject to future years' review, and that the uplift cost of the increase in the commissioning rate for 2023/24 would be met from the Early Learning and Child Care Revenue Budget;

(4) in addition to the rate per hour all funded children were also entitled to a free school meal each day as part of their statutory entitlement, which was payable daily over and above the hourly rate per child, and that the current daily rate for provision of that meal was £3 per child per day to a maximum of 5 meals per week;

(5) there was no proposal to change the Scottish Government funded snack rate which was available at a daily rate of £0.582 for each funded provider per child for the number of days attended; and

(6) views on these proposals would be sought from the funded provider sector, including registered childminders, prior to a final decision being reached by the City Administration Committee.

After consideration, the committee agreed, following consultation with stakeholders, that the report be referred to the City Administration Committee, proposing an increase to the commissioning rate to

(a) £6.00 per child per hour from August 2023 for 3 year olds; and

(b) £7.11 per child per hour from August 2023 for eligible 2 year olds.