

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 20th June 2024.

City Administration Committee.

- Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Alexander Belic (substitute for Annette Christie), Richard Bell, Philip Braat (substitute for Soryia Siddique), Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Chris Cunningham, John Daly (substitute for Thomas Kerr), Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart (substitute for Kenny McLean), Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney (substitute for Saqib Ahmed), Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, and Martha Wardrop and James Hamilton and Lorraine Legrix.
- Apologies: Saqib Ahmed, Annette Christie, Thomas Kerr, Kenny McLean and Soryia Siddique.
- Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; and J Kerr, Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Partner Commissioning Arrangements – Proposals approved etc.

- 1 Councillor Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years, presented a report regarding the proposed rate for funded providers within Early Learning and Childcare from April 2024, advising that
- (1) the Scottish Government Child Guidance and National Standards sets out the principles and practice for funded early year providers seeking to enter or maintain partnership status with a local authority and across the city there were 124 funded providers and 51 registered childminders operating statutory Early Learning and Childcare services;
 - (2) the guidance for setting sustainable rates for the delivery of funded Early Learning and Childcare for 2024/25 had outlined, as detailed in the report, the criteria which Councils should follow in setting a sustainable rate;
 - (3) it was proposed that the commissioning rate of £6.46 per hour for each funded child aged 3-5 years and £7.65 for each funded eligible child aged 2 years would be payable from April 2024 for a period of 1-year, and that the rate setting would now move to April for each subsequent year, and that the uplift cost of the increase in the commissioning rate for 2024/25 would be met from the Early Learning and Childcare 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;
- (5) an amount of £0.582 was also available as part of the Scottish Government funded Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme for each funded provider per child for the number of days attended;
- (6) there was no proposal to change either the meal rate of £3 or the Scottish Government funded snack rate of £0.582 for 2024/25; and
- (7) the financial impact of the cost uplift for 2024/25 was in the region of £2.337m.

After consideration, the committee approved

- (a) an increase in the commissioning rate of £0.46 to £6.46 per child per hour from April 2024 for 3-5 year olds; and
- (b) an increase in the commissioning rate of £0.54 to £7.65 per child per hour from April 2024 for eligible 2 year olds.