

Provision of funded early learning and childcare services – Award of contract approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of funded early learning and childcare services, advising

- (1) that the Council's annual spend for the provision of funded early learning and childcare services was £38,000;
- (2) of proposals to deliver a framework that would support parents access to the ELC entitlement and provide high quality, flexible early learning and childcare that is accessible and affordable for families;
- (3) that the duration of the flexible framework would be for 5 years with the option to extend for up to an additional 3 years; and
- (4) that 116 providers had expressed an interest with 108 submitting a bid and of the 8 providers that failed to respond, 1 had cited that it was not aligned with their core business.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of contract of a flexible procurement agreement framework for the provision of Funded Early Learning and Childcare Services to the providers detailed in appendix A of the report.