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Subject: Early Learning and Childcare 1140 Hours Expansion
Programme

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the implementation of the 1140 hours expansion programme.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Scottish Government is committed to increasing the entitlement to Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) from 600 hours to 1140 hours by 2020.
- 2.2 The report provides the background to the expansion programme and a summary of the additional 1140 hours early phase developments for 2019 / 20.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the additional early phase projects for 2019 / 20.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scottish Government is committed to increasing the entitlement to Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) from 600 hours to 1140 hours by 2020.
- 4.2 The increase to 1140 hours is a universal entitlement for all children aged 3 and 4 years and an entitlement for 25% of 2 year olds.
- 4.3 Inverclyde Council submitted its expansion plan to the Scottish Government in March 2018. The plan provided details of current services and the developments required to deliver 1140 hours.
- 4.4 Inverclyde Council received notification of its revenue and capital funding allocation from the Scottish Government in February 2018. The funding is allocated as a specific grant to ensure that it is protected for investment in early learning and childcare. Authorities are required to report to the Scottish Government on how this funding has been applied.
- 4.5 Inverclyde Council is clear that all developments will be contained within the funding allocation from the Scottish Government.

5.0 EARLY PHASE PLAN 2019 /20

- 5.1 The revenue allocation for 2019 / 20 is £4,885,000. This is split £4,609,000 from the Scottish Government allocations and £276,000 from core spending.
- 5.2 A number of early phase developments were approved by Committee in March 2019 however £1,381,673 was uncommitted at this time.
- 5.3 The additional early phase projects funded from the uncommitted budget are listed below:
- 188 additional local authority 1140 hours placements
 - 24 outdoor learning 1140 hours placement
 - 59 additional 1140 hours placements with funded providers
 - 30 additional 1140 placements with childminders
 - Cost of lunches for local authority, funded providers and childminders
 - Resources for new / expanded funded providers
 - Grants to funded providers
 - Increase in rate to funded providers
 - Funding for Additional Support Needs Workers
 - Additional funding for bespoke training programmes
 - Additional funding for training and development
 - Personal and Protective Equipment for outdoor learning
 - Additional costs of ICT /WiFi

- 5.4 A small contingency budget of £634.00 remains.
- 5.5 Realising change: funding of £110,480 was received from the Scottish Government, in January 2017, to support local authorities in the implementation of the expansion programme. This funding has to be spent by August 2020. £99,670 was carried forward into this financial year. This will be used to build existing capacity at the centre and for joint work across West Partnership.

6.0 CAPITAL UPDATE

- 6.1 The Scottish Government confirmed a total Capital grant of £5,980,000 to Inverclyde Council as part of the overall 1140 hours funding with the below yearly spend allocation. Any yearly over or underspends will be contained within the overall £5,980,000 funding allocation.

	<u>2017/18</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>2018/19</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>2019/20</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>£000</u>
Amount Allocated	£380	£1,900	£2,200	£1,500	£5,980

6.2 Details of progress with the infrastructure plan are contained in Section 8 of the 'Education Capital Programme 2018 -2021 Progress' report to this Committee.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

7.1 Financial Implications

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Various	Early Years	2019 /20			Spend projection / profile as Education Capital Report Appendix 1

Annually Recurring Costs (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments
Various	Early Years	2019/20	£4,885,000		Expected to spend revenue allocation in 2019 /20

7.2 **Legal**
There are no legal implications.

7.3 **Human Resources**
There are significant HR implications with regard to workforce planning, recruitment, and training. The workforce plan was refreshed in November 2018.

7.4 **Equalities**
There are no equality issues within this report.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

7.5	Repopulation An early learning and childcare service that delivers on quality, flexibility, accessibility and affordability will contribute to repopulation.
8.0	CONSULTATION
8.1	Consultation with stakeholders is continuing throughout this session. This includes private / voluntary providers, partner providers, trade unions and local authority early years workforce.
9.0	LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
9.1	Scottish Government 01.05.18, ELC – Multi-Year Revenue and Capital Allocations.