

## Task &amp; Finish Review 2018/19 Report

## A review of the current provision for early years education, childcare and play opportunities

Recommendation	Lead/responsible officer	Rank in order of achievability
Recommendation One The Council should make representations to Welsh Government to introduce the childcare offer to all 3-4 year old children.	Cllr Glynog Davies and Executive Board	7
Recommendation Two The Council continues to promote the childcare offer widely and should look to develop systems to directly target parents using all available data.	Stefan Smith Noeline Thomas Press Team	8
Recommendation Three The Council should develop closer working relationships with Mudiad Meithrin, Wales Pre-school Providers Association and all other relevant agencies when developing capital bids to Welsh Government, and ensure member involvement specifically in relation to early years education/childcare via the scrutiny function.	Stefan Smith Noeline Thomas Simon Davies and MEP Team Scrutiny Committee	16
Recommendation Four The Council work with its partners to move away from sessional care to delivering full day childcare, where possible, throughout the County.	Stefan Smith Noeline Thomas	14
Recommendation Five The Council work with its partners to increase the number of settings which are able to provide Welsh medium childcare, as this would complement the council's corporate objective of increasing the number of Welsh speakers within the County. The Council should also identify and promote Welsh language training for childcare staff.	Stefan Smith Noeline Thomas Aeron Rees Catrin Griffiths	15
Recommendation Six The Council work with Careers Wales and secondary schools to promote childcare as a career option in Carmarthenshire.	Aeron Rees + Team	17
Recommendation Seven The Council build on the current RAG rating system and protect the hardship fund which assists settings facing financial difficulties.	Elin Forsyth Noeline Thomas Heini Jones	10
Recommendation Eight The Council works with schools to develop after school clubs and wrap around care provision. Share the experiences of schools who provide successful after school clubs across the County.	Stefan Smith Noeline Thomas	11
Recommendation Nine The Council undertake a formal review of its current admissions policy for full time education for 4 year olds (the rising 4s policy). Financial and service impact modelling should be undertaken to inform any change to the policy, which should be along similar lines to other authorities within the ERW consortium.	Simon Davies Sue John	12
Recommendation Ten The Council considers increasing its hourly rate paid to early years education providers, from £3.00 to £4.50, in line with the childcare offer payment.	Elin Forsyth Susannah Nolan	19
Recommendation Eleven The Council should review its current policy of having multiple admission dates for the start of full time education.	Simon Davies Sue John	13
Recommendation Twelve The Council set a corporate ambition to provide early years education and childcare provision on all school sites. This vision should be delivered in partnership with non-maintained providers, but in the absence of a local non-	Gareth Morgans Simon Davies Noeline Thomas	20

maintained provider, the Council should work with schools, or a cluster of schools, and aim to develop school-managed early years education and childcare provision.		
<p>Recommendation Thirteen</p> <p>The Council works to ensure that every parent or carer receives an information booklet which outlines the benefits of Welsh medium education and bilingualism. The Council ensure that Welsh medium early years education capacity increases across the County, and that strategic planning is undertaken in conjunction with Mudiad Meithrin, WPPA and other partners.</p>	Policy Team	9
<p>Recommendation Fourteen</p> <p>The Council reviews its online school admission process, and look to simplify the process for parents and carers, particularly in light of the roll out of the childcare offer.</p>	<b>Simon Davies</b> <b>Sue John</b>	18
<p>Recommendation Fifteen</p> <p>The Council look to further developing work with early years providers to ensure consistent and effective mechanisms for sharing pupil information between non-maintained early years providers and schools during the transitional phase. Effective practice to be shared.</p>	<b>Heini Jones</b> Noeline Thomas Elin Forsythe	1
<p>Recommendation Sixteen</p> <p>The Council develop consistency in terms of the number of hours of early years education being delivered by schools and other providers.</p>	Stefan Smith <b>Noeline Thomas</b>	2
<p>Recommendation Seventeen</p> <p>The Council review the process by which gaps in play provision are identified throughout the county.</p>	Noeline Thomas <b>Lisa Grice</b>	3
<p>Recommendation Eighteen</p> <p>The Council provides clarity and focus on areas of the County where play opportunities are deemed to be insufficient.</p>	Noeline Thomas <b>Lisa Grice</b>	4
<p>Recommendation Nineteen</p> <p>The Council work with schools and local partners to develop a model which would enable community use of school play facilities outside of school hours.</p>	<b>Simon Davies +</b> MEP Team	5
<p>Recommendation Twenty</p> <p>To lobby the Welsh Government to provide direction to allow community use of school grounds and facilities within school regulations.</p>	<b>Cllr Glynog</b> <b>Davies</b> and Executive Board	6