

# EDUCATION, YOUNG PEOPLE AND WELSH LANGUAGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024

## THE CHILDCARE OFFER FOR WALES

### Purpose:

To provide Members with an update on the Childcare for Wales in accordance with its intended primary aims to:

- enable more parents, particularly mothers, to return to work
- increase the disposable income of those in work and help counteract poverty for those in low-paid jobs
- encourage child development and school readiness.

### THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:-

Review and assess the information contained in report and provide any recommendations, comments, or advice to the Cabinet Member and / or Director.

### Reason(s)

This update was requested by the Committee as part of the scheduled FWP for 23-24.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
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**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**Subject : The Childcare Offer for Wales**

**1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.**

To provide Members with an update on the Childcare offer including information on the following:

Background and links with corporate strategic objectives

What is the childcare offer?

When was the Childcare Offer rolled out in Carmarthenshire?

How many Carmarthenshire parents/children have accessed and benefited from the Childcare Offer since roll out?

How has the Childcare offer supported eligible children with Additional Learning needs?

Payments made to Carmarthenshire Childcare Providers and how have they benefitted from the Childcare offer

How have we as a Local Authority promoted and publicised the Childcare Offer to ensure the maximum number of eligible working parents take up and benefit from this offer?

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?**

**YES**

