

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

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Committee

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and Social Care

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Subject: Provision of Wrapround and Out of School Care

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the increase in Wrapround provision in Early Years establishments and to seek Committee approval to increase the charges for Out of School Care.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides background information on the development of childcare in Inverclyde.
- 2.3 It details the availability and charges for Wrapround and Out of School provision across the Authority and makes recommendations for an increase in the charges for Out of School Care.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that members:
 - note the content of the report
 - approve the increase in charges for Out of School Care

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde Council continues to develop quality, affordable, accessible universal childcare. The availability of this provision has increased significantly since August 2008. Income in 2007/08 was £61,982; expected income in 2008/09 is £110,238 and projected income for 2009/10 is £134.000.
- 4.2 Wrapround and Out of School Care services are designed to support parents in employment, education and training.
- 4.3 At the present time Wrapround provision is not available in every area of Inverclyde; however children can access provision outwith their local area.
- 4.4 Officers are continuing to explore the opportunity to develop Wrapround services across Inverclyde.

5.0 AVAILABILITY OF WRAPROUND

5.1 Wrapround services are available in a range of establishments across Inverclyde:

Establishment	Communities Served
Aileymill Nursery School	Greenock South West, Inverkip, Wemyss Bay
Blairmore Nursery School	Inverclyde
Bluebird Family Centre	Greenock South West
Gibshill Children's Centre	Port Glasgow, Gibshill, East Greenock
Glenbrae Children's Centre	Greenock
Gourock Pre-5	Gourock
Hillend Children's Centre	Greenock East
Kelly Street Children's Centre	Greenock West
Rainbow Family Centre	Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm
Wellpark Children's Centre	Greenock Central

- 5.2 Wrapround provision makes use of existing resources and operates within current staffing structures, opening hours / year, Care Commission registration criteria.
- 5.3 The availability of places in each establishment is determined after the pre-school admissions process is complete.
- 5.4 Wrapround places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- 5.5 Future development of Wrapround services would take place in nursery classes. As well as generating increased income for the Council this will also incur additional costs for staffing and property running costs. A further report detailing the financial implications will be brought to Committee once the development plan has been finalised.

6.0 COST OF WRAPROUND SERVICE

- 6.1 Children continue to receive 12.5 hours of pre-school entitlement free of charge; charges are applied for additional hours only.
- 6.2 Income from Wrapround services will reduce in August 2010 when the pre-school entitlement increases to 15 hours per week.
- 6.3 The charge for Wrapround is currently £3.10 per hour. The charge will increase to £3.20 per hour in August 2009 and thereafter in line with the budget process.

7.0 AVAILABILITY OF OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

7.1 Out of School services are available in a range of establishments across Inverclyde:

Service	Communities Served	Sector
Enterprise Childcare	Port Glasgow	Voluntary
·	South West Greenock	,
Gamble Children's Centre	Gourock	Voluntary
Granny IQ	Kilmacolm	Private
Hammys	Port Glasgow	Voluntary
Hometime Kilmacolm	Kilmacolm	Private
Wellington	Greenock Central	Voluntary
Glenbrae Children's Centre	Greenock East	Local Authority
Play 4 All	Inverclyde	Capability Scotland
	-	(Local Authority from Aug. 09)

- 7.2 Provision for Children with severe and / or complex need is currently provided by Capability Scotland's Play 4 All project. This service will transfer to Inverclyde Council as of 29 June 2009. It will be based in Lilybank School under the control of the Headteacher.
- 7.3 An Out of School Service operates out of Glenbrae Children's Centre 52 weeks per year. During term-time the service operates from 8.15am 9.00am and 3.00pm 5.30pm. During holiday periods it operates from 8.15am 5.30pm.
- 7.4 The service is registered for 24 children aged 5 12 years. In addition to mainstream places there is an allocation of places for children with additional support needs and vulnerable children referred by Social Work Services.

8.0 COST OF OUT OF SCHOOL PROVISION

8.1 The cost of Out of School provided by external suppliers:

Provider	Term Time	Holiday Care	Other
			Information
Enterprise Childcare	£9.00 per session	£14.00 full day	Reduction for 2 nd
		£9.00 half day	and 3 rd child
Gamble Children's Centre	£8.00 per session	£20.00 full day	
Granny IQ	£10.00per session	£20.00	
Hammys	£8.00 per session	Not available	
Wellington	£9.00 per session	£10.00 full day	
Hometime Kilmacolm	£10.00 per session	Not available	

8.2 The cost of Out of School provided by Inverclyde Council:

Provider	Term Time	Holiday Care	Other Information
Glenbrae Children's Centre	£3.10 per hour	£6.00 per session	
Play 4 All	£7.75 per session	£15.50 full day	Local Authority
			from Aug. 09

- 8.3 It is proposed that the charges for Play for All and Glenbrae Children's Centre will be changed as from August 2009 in line with prices charged by external providers.
- 8.4 It is proposed that the charge during:
 - term-time will be £8.00 (or hourly rate if using less than 1 hour)
 - holiday periods will be £15.00 per full day or £9.00 per half day.

9.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Revenue

Service	Additional Income 09 /10
Wrapround	£3,530
Out of School Care	£3,462

9.2 The number of children attending Out of School Care services across the Authority is decreasing due to the current economic climate. This may impact on the projected income for 2009 /10.

10.0 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no personnel implications.

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no equalities implications.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 It is recommended that members note the content of this report and approve the increase in charges for Out of School Care.