

Report title: Early Years and Childcare Strategy 2022	
Report to: People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

The Committee has previously been consulted on the development of an Early Years and Childcare Strategy (see Background below). This is a further update on the Strategy.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider:

- (i) **The attached update; and**
- (ii) **Identify any follow-up scrutiny actions**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee last discussed the Early Years Strategy as part of a broader Education update at its meeting on 8 October 2020. Links to the relevant meeting paper for that meeting and the minutes are here –

[PAF 8 Oct 2020 agenda paper - Early Years and Childcare Strategy](#)

[PAF 8 Oct 2020 minutes](#)

4. Update and Next Steps

The update is attached in the Appendix. Next steps are as proposed under Action Required.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

County Councillor Tony Ball, Cabinet Member – Education Excellence, Life-Long Learning and Employability.

Carolyn Terry - EYCC Sufficiency and Sustainability Manager

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5 List of Appendices

Power Point Briefing Paper: Early Years and Childcare Strategy 2022