

Report

Report Title: **Early Years Funding Rates 2025/26**

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1) Purpose/Background To provide details of the proposed Early Years funding rates for financial year 2025/26			
2) Summary <p>The proposed funding rates for all Early Years funding entitlements have been calculated using the overall allocated budget proved to the local authority from central government. Details of these calculations are included within the 'Potential hourly rates for Early Years 2025-26' spreadsheet.</p> <p>This report provides some additional commentary regarding the funding rates for ALFI. An agreement was reached within a previous schools forum to not continue to allocate £100,000 from Higher Needs Block. All ALFI funding would now come from the Early Years allocation block.</p> <p>For this financial year it is proposed that this additional £100,000 be allocated to ALFI from the budget within the 3% retained funds. This would ensure that during a period of ongoing change and expansion of the early years entitlements, provider rates are less impacted.</p> <p>It has been possible to make this proposal due to some additional grants that have been awarded to the Local Authority, supporting activity that would historically be allocated within the retained budget.</p>			
3) Recommendations To agree the proposed funding rates for financial year 2025/26			