

## **URGENT BUSINESS SHEET**

Report Title: Childcare in Haringey

Committee/Sub etc: Cabinet

Date: 8 February 2011

The report is late because we have been working with members to develop the detail of this proposal. The issues are complex and potentially affect a large number of residents. This report has been prepared in tandem with a report to 8 February Cabinet on the Sustainability of Children's Centres in Haringey. The lateness of the Government's financial settlement and the transfer of the funding for Children's Centres into the Early Intervention Grant has meant that decisions could not be taken in isolation.

The report is too urgent to await the next meeting because formal consultation needs to commence urgently regarding the proposed changes to the fee structure and charges, and also the proposed reductions in levels of grant funding to the voluntary and community sector. Delays in doing this will impact on our capacity to achieve the required savings.

The Head of Local Democracy & Member Services concurs with the admission of this item.