



Appendix B

Outcome of Consultation on Options for Two Year old Funding Rate

Introduction

The Council are required to implement a single funding formula for funding places for eligible two year olds in line with that for three and four year olds, in consultation with the schools forum and main stakeholders. The Early Years working group, a sub group of the Schools Forum, agreed the format of the two year old funding formula consultation document. The consultation process commenced on 8th May 2013 and closed on 7th June 2013.

Purpose:

The main purposes of this report are:

Provide information on the responses to the consultation.

Consultation Response Summary – please also see appendix 1

The views of all relevant stakeholders were sought. To date **20** written responses have been received.

Responses to Question 1

Please indicate how many places you could provide for rates given?

(The table below shows the numbers of providers who have indicated the places that they can provide at the stated rates)

£4.50	£5.00	£5.28	£5.50	£6.00	Not answered
1	3	6	6	7	5

Responses to Question 2

A) Would you provide places where the rate varies between settings?

B) Would you provide places from 2014 on flat rate?

A	B
Yes - 10	Yes - 8
No - 4	No - 5



Responses to Question 3

Do you agree providers should be supported through place based funding for new provision and 1st year of delivery?

<i>Number of Responses</i>
<i>Yes - 15</i>
<i>Not Answered - 2</i>

Additional comments

Respondents made additional comments to the consultation and these relate to the following:

- Rates listed not been sufficient to cover staff costs
- Costs proposed do not take into account children with additional support needs
- Delay in decisions capital grant is causing concern, and may delay providers from delivering places from September.
- Families that do not meet FSM criteria, also on a low income; not being able to access early entitlement places.

Promotion and attendance:

The Early Years team sent out consultation forms to :

101 Childminders

28 Playgroups

55 Primary Schools

48 Private, Voluntary and Independent Settings

17 Children's Centres

Consultation events were held as follows:

Two Year Old Programme Funding Consultation meetings			Numbers in attendance
Date	Time	Venue	
16.05.2013	6.30pm	The Resource Centre, Park Lane, London N17 0HJ	0
21.05.2013	6.30pm	Rokesly CC, Elmfield Ave, N8 8QG	0
23.05.2013	12-2pm (within PVI Forum)	PDC, Downhills Park Rd, N17 6AR	30
03.06.2013	4.30pm	Broadwater Farm CC, Adams Road, London N17 6HE	5

Summary of responses:

- Responses to the consultation have been low at only 10%
- Majority of providers not able to provide below £5.28 per hour(q1)
- There is a balance between those who would provide at a varied rate and flat rate.(q2)
- The majority of respondents support place based funding (q3).