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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Delivering the Two Year Old Early Education Free Entitlement in Haringey: An Update</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected: All</b>	<b>Report for Key Decision</b>		

## **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 The Council's corporate priority Outstanding for All, enabling all Haringey children to thrive, will be most effectively underpinned by a strong foundation in early years. Evidence and best practice shows that rounded development in the early years will support children and young people to achieve their full potential. An Early Years Review has been carried out by the Corporate Delivery Unit and the findings of this review are now being implemented.
- 1.2 One strand of developing effective provision in early years is ensuring access to early education for two to four year olds and this element is the focus of this report. From September 2013, all local authorities in England have had a statutory duty to secure early years free entitlement places for the most disadvantaged two year olds using nationally prescribed criteria. The purpose of this entitlement is to improve educational outcomes for children from the most deprived backgrounds and to ensure more children are school ready.
- 1.3 Free entitlement places offer each eligible child 15 hours per week of early education, up to a maximum of 570 hours per year. Places can be funded in maintained schools, academies, children's centres, private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers and childminders. Local authorities need to be in a



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position to ensure a place is available to every eligible child whose parent/carer wishes to take up the entitlement.

- 1.4 To meet this duty and improve outcomes for the most disadvantaged children, the Council has developed a plan built around the three core pillars of sufficiency, quality and access. It is now implementing this plan to offer sufficient places, which are of high quality and which are accessible to those families entitled to them.
- 1.5 For example, the Council is working to develop the market for childcare and is proactive in identifying sites which can be used for new or expanded provision. Quality is a prime consideration and officers continue to support the improvement of provision across Haringey's diverse early education and childcare market. There are a number of barriers to access which are being addressed through targeted work with families and communities and by ensuring that provision meets a wide range of need.
- 1.6 In addition to this, each local authority is expected to implement a funding formula which provides a rate that will be used to fund early education and childcare providers for providing places for eligible two year old children.
- 1.6 In July 2013, Cabinet agreed an Early Years Single Funding formula to fund two year old programme places in Haringey. This funding formula introduced a flat funding rate of £5.18 for all types of early education and childcare providers offering two year old free entitlement places. The agreed rate was below the hourly funding rate paid to Haringey of £5.28 and reflected a modest top slice of 2% on the £5.28 rate to meet administrative costs of the delivering the programme. The funding formula rate of £5.18 has been applied to all new two year old programme places delivered since September 2013.
- 1.7 The two year old programme is growing to deliver the projected number of places required – 882 places from September 2013 and a further 908 places from September 2014. However, the need has now arisen for the funding formula to be reviewed to help the Council achieve the full number of high quality places within the required timeframe.
- 1.8 This report proposes an increase in the current single funding formula rate for two year old free entitlement places from **£5.18 per hour** to **£6.00 per hour** from **April 2014** in order to support the Council's wider plans for meeting its statutory duty.
- 1.9 The report also provides an update on implementation of the programme in the borough setting out how the Council is addressing the challenges of sufficiency, quality and access. This report outlines the work underway to support place development and increase the provision of two year old early years free entitlement places within the borough by encouraging greater participation in the two year old programme by existing and potential early education and childcare providers. The proposed changes to the funding formula will support the delivery of good quality early education places in the areas where they are needed most.



## **2 Cabinet Member introduction**

- 2.1 I fully support these recommendations as it is essential that we give Haringey children the opportunity to have the very best start in life and ensure school readiness. It is also important that parents are able to be supported to return to work as soon as they wish to, but with the confidence that their children are receiving outstanding childcare. Additionally, the successful delivery of the two year old free entitlement programme is important for Haringey's local economy; creating employment opportunities and supporting parents to engage in training and work.

## **3 Recommendations**

This report recommends that:

- 3.1 Cabinet approves a revised flat rate formula of £6.00 per hour to fund all two year old programme places from April 2014.
- 3.2 Cabinet notes the Schools Forum decision to identify the additional resources required to sustain the £6.00 per hour funding rate from April 2016 within the Early Years Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

## **4 Alternative options considered**

- 4.1 A number of options have been considered but, at the moment, there is such a pressing need to augment the number of places within a very short timescale that this appears to be the most appropriate medium term solution, until the market is further developed. Also this is a statutory requirement under the **Childcare Act 2006**.

## **5 Background information**

- 5.1 Funding for the two year old free entitlement is provided by the Department for Education (DfE) on a notional basis through the Early Years Block within the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) funding. It is for local authorities, working with their School Forums, to decide how this is distributed locally, through the implementation of a single funding formula.



## **6 Sufficiency of Places**

### **6.1 Place Development**

6.1.1 The DfE estimated that in Haringey, **882** two year olds would become eligible for a place from September 2013 to August 2014. From September 2014, it has been estimated this number would increase to approximately **1,790** children.

6.1.2 By January 2014, **665** places will have been established for eligible two year olds, short of the 882 places estimated would be required in Haringey from September 2013. Whilst demand for places has grown steadily it has not reached the level where we have been unable to place eligible children. However, some providers have indicated that the £5.18 funding rate has been a barrier to their participation in the two year old programme.

6.1.3 Working with existing providers within the borough, it is clear that access to business support has been, and continues to be, key to providers incorporating two year old programme places into their childcare service delivery model.

6.1.4 The announcement by the Government in September 2013 of the introduction of additional eligibility from September 2014 means that the additional eligibility criteria to be applied from September 2014 are:

- Families receiving Working Tax Credit and have annual gross earnings of no more than £16,190 a year;
- Children receiving a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan;
- Children attracting Disability Living Allowance; and
- Children leaving care through special guardianship or through an adoption or residence order.

6.1.5 In order to meet the volume of places likely to be required, plans to develop the childcare market in the borough will be implemented in early 2014; proposals include the commissioning of additional places and the establishment of cross-borough protocols.

### **6.2 Take up of Two Year old programme places**

6.2.1 Whilst the aspiration is that all eligible children take up their two year old programme place, DfE anticipate that 80% of all eligible children will take up a place.



**Table 1: Expected take up rates for the 2 year old free entitlement.**

Age	*2 year olds	Minimum take up rate (DfE)	Minimum number of children expected to participate
Estimated eligible population 2013-14	882	80%	706
Estimated eligible population 2014-15	1,790	80%	1,432

\*DfE estimates for eligible 2 year olds

- 6.2.2 The expansion of the two year old programme has seen places for the number of children taking up 15 hours of free early education increase from **266** at the end of the pilot to **423** by December 2013. Take up has been increasing steadily and reflects patterns of take up being seen in other Local Authority areas, as parents become more aware of the programme and begin to participate more fully.
- 6.2.3 In anticipation of the extended eligibility criteria from September 2014, Haringey will be developing our own eligibility checking process for all non income-related criteria as this will not be possible through DfE provided mechanisms.
- 6.2.4 It is recognised that there is a need to actively engage some parents and children; enabling more children to benefit from their free entitlement. Planned programmes of marketing and awareness-raising will continue and will be further supported by the development of targeted outreach support and brokerage.

## **7 Strategy and Plan for the Expansion of Current Levels of Provision**

- 7.1 Current delivery of the two year old programme has highlighted that some key challenges for Haringey remain in meeting DfE's expectations.
- 7.2 **Place Development – achieving sufficiency and improving quality**
- 7.2.1 Ensuring there are sufficient **Outstanding** or **Good** quality places to meet our statutory responsibilities. The majority of the places secured so far are in provision rated as **Good** by Ofsted.



**Table 2: Quality of places profile – as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

Number of providers rated as 'Good'	*Number of providers rated as 'Satisfactory' or 'Require Improvement'	New providers – not yet subject to inspection
51	7	3

\*this figure will include providers who have children already taking up a place and have moved from 'good' to 'requires improvements'

7.2.2 It is important that Haringey offers a comparable and competitive market rate formula that encourages provider participation, secures an increasing number of places and be sustainable within the agreed financial settlement in order to maximise the number of children able to take up their free entitlement.

7.2.3 Also, there is a need to work proactively with providers to identify suitable sites for the development or expansion of 2 year old place provision. We are taking a market development approach in order to shape the new or expanded provision to the needs of the borough.

### 7.3 Increasing Access

7.3.1 Ensuring high levels of participation in the programme is critical to its successful implementation. Early indications are that we need to strengthen our brokerage role and professional pathways into the programme to ensure that children, particularly those facing the most disadvantage, are enabled to take up the place they are eligible for and parents are supported to place their children in an appropriate setting.

7.3.2 The provision of free part-time early education places for eligible two, three and four year olds is amongst the statutory responsibilities placed on the local authority. For parents, however, there is no legal requirement for them to take up the place for their child. To this end, we know that reaching all eligible two, three and four year olds may not be possible if their parents choose not to engage in early education services.

7.3.3 For some children, there may be more complex barriers preventing them from benefitting from the free entitlement and enabling any needs they may have to be identified. Therefore, enabling the identification of children's needs at the earliest opportunity is a key contribution of the two year programme to early help. We are strengthening multi-agency working through having robust systems for sharing information appropriately, in place and supporting the identification of, and response to families in greatest need.



## **8 Supporting the most vulnerable two year olds**

### **8.2 Local discretionary criteria**

8.2.1 In delivering the two-year old programme, the government has given local authorities the option to extend the national eligibility criteria for a free early education to include groups of children who they consider would benefit from the programme.

8.2.2 Work has been undertaken with key partners to identify the local eligibility criteria which we would expect to ensure that our most vulnerable two-year old children are able to access an early education place.

Local discretionary criteria for Haringey could include:

- Children with a Child Protection (CP) plan
- Children in Need (CiN)
- Children whose parents have been supported through the Family Nurse Partnership Programme (FNP)
- Children in families meeting the criteria for Haringey Families First
- Children living in temporary accommodation.

8.2.3 The introduction of participation-led funding in April 2015 will mean that only children meeting the national eligibility criteria for a two year old programme place at the time of the January 2015 Census will be included in the calculation of funding for April 2015 onwards.

8.2.4 If Haringey Council decides to introduce its own discretionary criteria, the cost of funding a two year old place for those children who meet the discretionary criteria, but who may not meet the national eligibility criteria, will need to be met by the Council. Work to establish the likely costs of introducing discretionary criteria has begun.

## **9 Proposal to revise the two year old funding formula**

### **9.1 2013-2014 funding**

The DSG Early Years Block funding for the Two Year Old Free Entitlement in 2013-14 comprises:

- £2.656 million revenue funding for statutory place provision; and
- £1.043 million one-off trajectory funding to support the expansion of the programme.



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In July 2013, Cabinet supported the Schools Forum's decision to ring-fence the two year old funding within Haringey's DSG allocation.

9.2 Haringey's place funding for 2013-14 was allocated for a full financial year, although the statutory programme began mid-year in September 2013. Since September 2013, take up of the entitlement has been steadily increasing but will not have reached DfE estimated levels by January 2014. This position has contributed to a projected under spend within the 2013-14 financial year of £1.127m, details of which are set out in **Appendix 1**.

9.3 The widening of the national eligibility criteria from September 2014 is likely to increase projections for the number of children who will require a two year old programme place in Haringey.

9.4 The DfE's plans to move to participation-led funding from April 2015 have significant implications for future levels of DSG funding. Mitigation against any potential reduction in funding levels will be through maximising the take up of two year old places by eligible children. This is a strategic priority within the Council's Corporate Plan 2013-2015 which set out a target take up rate of 80%.

### 9.5 **2014-2015 funding**

In December 2013, DfE announced the 2014-15 funding for the Two Year Old Free Entitlement. The funding will be provided through the DSG Early Years Block and comprises of:

- £4.489 million revenue funding for statutory place provision; and
- £557,000 trajectory funding to support the expansion of the programme.

These allocations are based on an indicative

891 eligible children for the summer term (April to August 2014)

1790 eligible children for the autumn and spring terms (Sept 2014 – March 2015).

9.6 Our initial budget forecasts for 2014 -15 were based on previous DfE notifications and funding arrangements in 2013-14. Based on an indicative number of 1700 children, a projected revenue funding allocation for 2014-15, for statutory place provision, of £5.119 million was expected. These initial budget forecasts have now been revised in line with the DfE 2014-15 projections and are set out in **Appendix 1**.

9.7 Funding allocations are based on estimates for children meeting the economic criteria only (i.e. children from families meeting the benefits-related criteria also used for free school meals or children whose parents are in receipt of working tax credits and earning under £16,190).

9.8 Numbers used to calculate funding allocations do not include children eligible under non-economic criteria (i.e. looked after children, children with special





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educational needs, children from asylum seekers, adopted children). DfE's expectation is that funding for those children meeting the non-eligibility criteria is provided through the allocation of trajectory funding.

### 9.9 Funding rate issues

- 9.9.1 Since reporting to Cabinet in July 2013, 2 year old programme delivery to date has highlighted that the £5.18 rate proposed to Cabinet was below the level needed to encourage the maximum participation in the programme by providers.
- 9.9.2 A review of funding rates in other London local authorities undertaken in September 2013 suggested a typical flat rate of £6.00 per hour. In addition to this, although response rates were low, feedback from the consultation undertaken with providers in Haringey in summer 2013 suggested that a similar rate to £6.00 per hour would encourage higher levels of participation in the programme by local providers.
- 9.9.3 Council officers, working with an Early Years Working Group of Schools Forum members, considered the financial implications of a proposal to increase the single funding formula rate from £5.18 to £6.00 per hour.
- 9.9.4 A significant implication of increasing the hourly funding rate for providers from £5.18 to £6.00 will be the introduction of a provider funding rate that exceeds the £5.28 per hour rate DfE pay to Haringey. To this end, implementation of a higher rate in the medium term will need to include planning for the longer term sustainability of an increased rate within the anticipated DSG Early Years Block funding envelope.
- 9.9.5 The current estimate is that the cost of increasing the hourly funding rate from £5.18 to £6.00 from April 2014 could be met fully for the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16 from the existing ring-fenced funding allocation for the two year old programme within the DSG's Early Years Block.
- 9.9.6 For 2016/17, if the estimated take up levels of 1,790 children are achieved by January 2015, maintaining a funding rate of £6.00 per hour would require an additional £285,000. From April 2017, this would increase to an additional £862,000 per financial year.

**Appendix 1** provides an exemplar of the financial implications of an increased rate for expected participation rates.

- 9.9.7 In order to meet this additional funding requirement, the Schools Forum will need to review the discretionary element of the early years funding block in order to identify the financial resources required to meet the costs of delivering the programme at £6.00 per hour from April 2016 onwards.
- 9.9.8 Haringey's Schools Forum was consulted on the proposal to increase the single funding formula rate on 2 December 2013. The outcome of this consultation was:



- that Schools Forum recommends to Cabinet a change in the funding formula for the two year old programme that will introduce an increase in the funding rate for providers of the two year old programme from £5.18 to £6.00 per hour from April 2014;
- that Schools Forum agrees that the additional resources required for sustaining a £6.00 per hour funding rate from April 2016 will be identified within the Early Years Block by March 2015

9.10 It is now proposed that the Council adopt a revised single funding formula from April 2014 which incorporates an increase in the flat rate for all types of providers from £5.18 to £6.00 per hour.

#### 9.11 **Planning**

9.11.1 Over the next two financial years, there will need to be some robust financial planning and preparation for 2016/17. This may involve rationalising the early years single funding formula across the 2, 3 and 4 year old free entitlement. As part of this work, consideration would need to be given to:

- the targeted nature and higher cost basis of 2 year old programme places; particularly for children with disabilities and special educational needs; and
- the requirement that the Council must have a deprivation supplement in any single funding formula for 3 and 4 year olds.

9.11.2 The Council's future strategy for childcare will need to consider how best to maximise the benefits for children and ensure that our most vulnerable and disadvantaged children are supported to access good quality provision.

### 10 **Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications**

10.1 The DfE funds the extension of the entitlement to free early education for vulnerable two year olds through a specific allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Endorsed by Cabinet, Schools Forum has ring-fenced the funding to early education for vulnerable two year olds. The following table includes the funding for 2013-14 and 2014-15.

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Place Led Funding	2,656	4,490
Trajectory Funding	1,043	557
Total Revenue Funding	3,699	5,047

Funding from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2015 is provided on places, based on DfE estimates of eligible two year olds assuming 80% participation. This is supplemented by trajectory funding to support local authorities to secure the significant numbers of places required. With effect from 1 April 2015, funding for



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eligible two year olds will move to a participation basis (comparable to the funding basis for three and four year olds). The numbers of two year olds participating in the programme in January 2015 will be a critical factor in determining 2015-16 funding.

- 10.2 Haringey, in common with all local authorities, was required to set a funding formula for two year olds. In July 2013, Cabinet approved an hourly rate of £5.18 per hour. This rate took into account that Haringey is funded by the DfE at an hourly rate of £5.28 per eligible two year old. The DfE issued guidance stating that a consistent rate should be set and, since a survey of providers gave inconclusive guidance of differential cost bases, this approach was recommended. The £5.18 per hour rate approved by Cabinet would also be sustainable once funding moves to a participation basis from 1 April 2015.
- 10.3 Since the rate was set, it has become clear that providers are unwilling to participate at the rate set and that neighbouring local authorities are able to attract providers through setting a higher hourly rate.
- 10.4 As a result of low participation in the two year old programme, projections are that there will be significant underspends of the ring-fenced two year old funding in both 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- 10.5 In order to encourage providers to establish sustainable places in Haringey, this report recommends increasing the hourly rate to £6 per hour from 1 April 2014. This is comparable to rates in neighbouring authorities. Projections are that this rate will be sustainable during 2014-15 and 2015-16 as a result of carrying forward underspends on place and trajectory funding.
- 10.6 Assuming progressive take-up levels (90% by January 2015; 100% by January 2016), the increased rate will be sustainable into 2016-17. Based on the projected take-up rates, there will be a shortfall of £285k in 2016-17 and in a full year (2017-18) this increases to £862k. These financial implications have been presented to Schools Forum which is responsible for making decisions on the allocation of the DSG. In addition to recommending the increase in the hourly rate, Schools Forum has committed to identifying how the part year shortfall in 2016-17 and full year impact in 2017-18 will be funded from the DSG.
- 10.7 Increased participation in the three and four year old programme would contribute to funding the gap. Each three / four year old attracts £5.63 per hour and the average hourly payment is £4.27. In a full year, therefore, every 100 additional three or four year old participating would generate £77,520 towards funding the gap.
- 10.8 The Chief Financial Officer supports the increase in the hourly rate to £6 an hour for nationally eligible two year olds. This proposal will ensure that future funding is maximised to enable Haringey to ensure the best start for eligible two year olds. This early help should also enable reduced future costs in respect of these



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children and contribute to future savings in the Children and Young People's Service.

- 10.9 As stated in the body of the report, the financial implications of extending the free entitlement by establishing additional, local criteria are currently being assessed. Once the financial implications have been clarified, the relative priority of introducing local criteria in the current financial climate will be clearer.

## **11. Head of Legal Services and legal implications**

- 11.1 From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 as a result of section 7 of the Childcare Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Duty to Secure Early Years Provision Free of Charge Regulations 2012, the Council has had the duty to secure for all eligible two year olds in its area free early education for 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year. Children are eligible for such education if they are looked after by a local authority or if they come within the criteria used to determine eligibility for free school meals. One of the aims of the proposed increase in the current single funding formula is to ensure that the Council continues to be in a position to comply with that duty in the face of projected increases in the number of children eligible for such education by increasing the provision of places by local providers.

- 11.2 The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013 require the Council to fund early education places in all sectors for the 2014-2015 financial year by using a funding formula determined by the Council. The formula can be composed of either a single base rate for all providers (as is proposed) or a number of base rates differentiated by type of provider according to unavoidable cost differences. Before a funding formula previously fixed by the Council can be changed the Council must consult its schools forum, schools maintained by it and relevant early years providers in its area. It appears that such consultation has taken place in respect of the proposal to increase the funding rate from £5.18 to £6.00 per hour for all two year old free entitlement places from April 2014. The Regulations require the funding formula for 2014-2015 to be fixed before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and do not permit the formula for that period to be changed during the 2014-2015 financial year.

## **12. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments**

- 12.1 A full equality impact assessment was carried out on the original proposal presented to Cabinet in July 2013. That assessment found that:
- The Two Year old single funding formula will benefit all eligible two year olds whose families meet the free school meals criteria, or are looked after children.
  - Children with disabilities will be included in the scheme from September 2014, as part of the planned expansion. The council has designated places for children with complex needs. Targeted funding ensures that appropriate places are available for all children with a disability who are known to the Local Authority.



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- The experience of the current programme shows that there is a high take up across ethnic minority groups, which will continue to be monitored through collection of ethnic data on take-up.
- There is a proportional balance between boys and girls accessing the current two year old programme.
- The application of the formula will be common across all participating settings including denominational and faith based settings in both maintained and PVI settings.
- Sexual orientation, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership are all not relevant factors and have not been considered in the assessment.

12.2 Since reporting to Cabinet in July 2013, it has become apparent that the £5.18 rate proposed to Cabinet was below the level needed to encourage the maximum participation in the programme by providers and that a more effective rate would be £6.00 per hour. Whilst this proposed increase rate does not affect the findings of the July EqIA, implementing the higher rate would need to involve planning for the longer term sustainability of the scheme within the anticipated DSG Early Years Block funding envelope.

12.3 It is not possible at this stage to say how this may impact on 2 year olds who possess any the relevant protected characteristics. However, as paragraphs 9.7.1 and 9.7.2 of the report indicate, any future arrangements, including the Council's future strategy for childcare will need to consider how best to maximise the benefits of the single funding formula to ensure that children with disability and Special Educational Needs and other vulnerable and disadvantaged children continue to receive the quality services they need.

### 13. Head of Procurement Comments

13.1 The review of funding undertaken has shown that the recommended £6 is being used by other London Boroughs, in order to stimulate the market and develop the maximum number of places.

13.2 The move to participation-led funding from April 2015 has significant implications for future levels of DSG funding. Mitigation against any potential reduction in funding levels will be through maximising the take up of two year old places by eligible children and this recommendation will support the development of the market to enable this.

13.3 The Head of Procurement supports the recommendation.

### 14. Policy Implication

14.1 The introduction of section 7 of the Childcare Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Duty to Secure Early Years Provision Free of Charge) Regulations 2012 means



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the Council has a duty to secure for all eligible two year olds in its area free early education for 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year. The duty has been introduced by government to improve the outcomes for all children at early years foundation stage and to even out the significant differences between children in terms of school readiness. The focus initially is on responding to the needs of the most disadvantaged children in a local authority area through focus on those who meet national criteria.

- 14.2 For Haringey, the policy is in line with the Corporate Plan and Health and Wellbeing Strategy objectives to give children growing up in Haringey the best start in life, delivering high quality services which offer children the chance to thrive. By working in partnership with health, private and voluntary sector partners and schools to support children up to the age of five and their families, the Council believes it can dramatically improve their outcomes. Through focusing on the three pillars of sufficiency, quality and access, the Council can ensure that provision for free early education for two year olds contributes to a solid foundation in early years which will stay with a child throughout their life.
- 14.3 The introduction of a revised funding formula will have implications for the early years block of the DSG in the longer term. Whilst it is expected that the decision to increase the rate will improve participation of a wide range of providers in the delivery of two year old programme places, over the next two years consideration will need to be given to how the overall funding allocation is deployed in order to accommodate the financial implications of a higher two year old funding rate from April 2016.
- 14.4 Maximising access to two year old places is central to the successful delivery of the two year old free entitlement programme; ensuring the most disadvantaged children are able to benefit from access to good quality early education and, through high levels of participation, securing future DSG funding. The decision to increase the rate will support the development and sustainability of a sufficient capacity of two year old places as participation rates continue to grow. Improvements to three and four year old participation rates, and associated funding, are also anticipated.
- 14.5 Introducing a local discretionary eligibility criteria could widen access to the two year old programme for some of our most vulnerable children; ensuring that those identified groups of children are able to benefit from good quality early education, as part of a range of support that may be in place for them and their parents/carers. This decision will also establish the two year old programme as a key contributor to the early help offer in Haringey.

## **15 Reasons for Decision**

- 15.1 Haringey Council has a statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006 to fund free early education for all eligible children from the term after they turn two. In meeting this duty, the Council is also required to have in place a formula for funding these early education places. Haringey introduced a single funding formula in September



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2013. The outcome of the decision will be an updated single formula to be implemented from April 2014.

**16 Use of Appendices**

16.1 **Appendix 1** Exemplar: Delivery of the Statutory Free Entitlement for Eligible Two Year Olds: Place and Trajectory funding

**17 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**