

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

UNDER PARAGRAPH 11.1 OF THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The following Motion to be submitted to Full Council on the date indicated below:-

Maintained nursery schools are some of the highest performing education institutions in our education system. They offer an inclusive ethos and have experience in early intervention and effective support for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

With more and more children living in poverty, we should support sustainable nursery school provision in every community, staffed by qualified teachers working alongside qualified support staff.

The vast majority of Maintained Nursery Schools remained open during the pandemic and took in children from other settings which were closed. By remaining open to meet the needs of vulnerable communities they have incurred additional costs and lost vital fee income. As a result, 64% expect to be in deficit in the current financial year, compared to 33% which were in deficit at the end of 2019-20.

This Council believes that all early year's settings need extra funding to pay staff decent pay and provide quality services to children. However, we also believe that the maintained nurseries need extra as they have unavoidable additional costs, particularly those that are required to employ teachers.

Despite their vital role and achievements, however, the future of maintained nursery schools is in jeopardy because the Government has so far failed to guarantee their funding.

This Council commits to writing to the Chancellor and education ministers to urge them to replace the temporary arrangements for supplementary funding with a new strand of the Early Years National Funding Formula for maintained nursery schools.

This must end the historical anomalies of the supplementary funding and provide a fair and viable national system for funding the distinct role and costs of maintained nursery schools.

Date of Council Meeting:-

9th December 2020

Notice submitted from

Councillor Serridge

Date: 26th November 2020

Councillor Marriott

Date: 26th November 2020

Notice received and validated by S151 Officer: Karen Spencer

Comments: No additional comments.

Date: 26th November 2020

Notice received and validated by the Monitoring Officer: Clare Birtwistle

Comments: No additional comments.

Date: 26th November 2020

Notice received on behalf of the Head of the Paid Service and entered in the book open to Public

Inspection

Received by: Neil Shaw

Date: 26th November 2020