

**CHILDREN EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1  
FEBRUARY 2024**

**EARLY YEARS ENTITLEMENTS EXPANSION AND NATIONAL  
WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE PROGRAMME**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a report on the current position in relation to the Early Years Entitlements Expansion and National Wraparound Childcare Programme.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 On 30 November 2023, the Committee agreed to include in its work programme the issue of Government policy changes to provide a phased expansion of childcare support for eligible working parents city.

**3 Current Position**

- 3.1 Simon Marshall (Director of Education) and Richard Cullen (Strategic Lead – School Improvement and Early Years) will provide a presentation on the background to the proposals, funding issues and the current position in Sunderland.
- 3.2 A copy of the presentation is attached.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the report and presentation.