

Wiltshire Council

**Schools Forum
12th March 2015**

Report from the Early Years Reference Group

Purpose of report

1. To report on the meeting of the Early Years Reference Group held on 6th February 2015.

Main considerations for School Forum

2. The draft minutes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 1.
3. The Group discussed a proposal for a single hourly rate for the free entitlement for three and four year olds. The affordable rate was modelled at £3.81 per hour for all providers which represented a reduction for Childminders and Maintained Nursery Classes and an increase for Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers.
4. It was agreed that further models for transitional implementation should be produced for consideration by Schools Forum and that the Group recommended implementation of a single hourly rate of £3.81.

5. *Proposals*

That Schools Forum notes the minutes of the Early Years Reference Group and the recommendation from the Group in respect of the hourly rate for early years providers.

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