

Stage 2 Consultation Report Early Years Education in Haringey: Providers' Response

<p>Purpose</p>	<p>The government is changing to the way early years education for all 3&4 year old children is funded from April 2017.</p> <p>Following the final announcement from the Department for Education (DfE) about funding for Early Years Education, Haringey Council launched a stage 2 consultation with providers. This follows an 8 week stage 1 consultation for all providers running from 20th October to 18th December 2016.</p> <p>In the initial consultation we have asked your views about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The universal base rate • The deprivation supplement • Options for introducing a deprivation supplement • The free entitlement for two year olds <p>The stage 2 consultation with Early Years Education Providers opened on January 9th and closed on January 20th, 2017.</p> <p>The Local Authority sought to gather views of providers on aspects of change that will have an impact on the delivery of the free early education offer and the childcare business as a whole.</p>
<p>Summary of responses</p>	<p>Providers' Responses</p> <p>The consultation asked providers their views on the council's proposal for introducing an enhanced universal base rate paid to all providers from the financial year 2017/18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84% agreed with the council's preferred option • 13% disagreed • 3% left the question blank. <p>The consultation also asked providers their views on the three options for the level of mandatory deprivation supplement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 - funding to be set at £0.30 per hour per child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 39% chose Option 1 • Option 2 - funding to be set at £0.35 per hour per child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16% selected option 2 • Option 3 - funding to be set at £0.40 per child/per hour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 35% chose option 3 • 10% left the answer blank. <p>Finally the consultation asked providers their views on the council's proposal to introduce a discretionary supplement for quality based on supporting system leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58% agreed with the proposal • 32% disagreed • 10% left this answer blank. <p>Comments were also received as part of the open text boxes in the questionnaire and are included in Appendix 1a.</p>

Conclusion	<p>The largest majority of respondents agreed with the proposal of enhancing the base rate. Most respondents felt that it was a fairer proposal and gave more certainty about the constant level of funding.</p> <p>An almost equal number of respondents indicated either £0.30 or £0.40 as the preferred funding level for the mandatory deprivation supplement.</p> <p>Finally the largest majority of respondents agreed with the proposal to introduce a discretionary supplement for quality that supports system leadership. Many expressed a positive view of such a support mechanism for improving quality, although they also highlighted that there needs to be a fair system for allocation of funds.</p>
Council's response	<p>Haringey Council Officers recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of an enhanced base rate payable to all providers from April 2017 • Consideration to introduce a £0.30 per hour mandatory deprivation supplement • Introduction of a discretionary supplement for quality supporting system leadership
What happens next	<p>Your feedback and the results of the survey will be submitted to Cabinet to make a final decision on how to move forward with the new government changes. We will publish the final decision in March 2017.</p>
Who was consulted	<p>All Early Years Education providers and when appropriate Governors</p>
Methodology	<p>Online survey, internet, websites, emails, paper copy survey and engagement sessions</p>