

Minute of Scrutiny Meeting 20 June 2018

Proposal 5 - End WCBC Funded Childcare Training: The Head of Children's Services confirmed that the child care workforce in both the private sector / third sector would still be able to access the training courses but would have to pay the full cost of the training provided. Members requested a progress report in six months' time on the impact the implementation on this proposal had on the take up of training from the Third Sector.

AGREED -

- (i) The Committee notes the position in relation to Children's Social Care.
- (ii) The Committee requests that the Lead Member submits a report to SCWSC in relation to proposal 5 'End WCBC Funded Childcare Training' which assesses the impact on the take up of training from the Third Sector (6 months after implementation).

I can confirm that the fees for private sector/third sector childcare providers were not increased this year, so there has not been any impact on the take up of training. However, WFIS will have to increase the cost of accessing training courses in April 2019 to cover their costs. Currently, the courses are subsidised. The likely increase in cost will range from 10-25% depending on the training course.

Once the increase is introduced we will make sure the take up rate is monitored and the data included in the next Scrutiny Report in June 2019.