

## Summary of responses to the early years entitlements monthly payments consultation with childminders

### Question 1:

Do you agree with the proposal to introduce one monthly payment process for all childminders?

- Yes – 47 (81%)
- No – 11 (19%)

### Question 2:

Do you agree with the proposals to offer childminders a choice between termly and monthly payment processes before the start of each financial year?

Yes – 57(98%)  
No – 1(2%)

### Question 3:

Do you agree with the proposal that the choice of funding process will apply for the duration of the financial year?

Yes – 58 (100%)  
No – 0 (0%)

### Question 4:

Do you agree with the proposal that childminders registering for the early years entitlement are offered a choice between payment processes as part of the registration process?

Yes – 57 (100%)  
No – 0 (0%)

### Do you have any comments on the proposals regarding capacity and systems?

- Payment needs to be either at the very end or beginning as per our invoices.
- Although I said yes to all, I will struggle to be paid quarterly as the majority of my income is from my Early's years children and will all be claiming funding.
- I would definitely appreciate monthly payments as it makes it so much easier to work out money for outgoings. Think it's a really good idea.
- The payment for Childminders should be a DATE of the month to help with budgeting. Like myself who is on HB and moving to Universal Credit it will be my main income and my bills are taken on the same DATE each month. If the money isn't there then bills and rent will not be paid on time. Repeating of late payment can move towards eviction as I privately rent. I also do not have the means to cover any charges for late payments or bank fees for overdraft. Therefore it's imperative that payment is made regularly on the same DATE of the month.
- And should be given the option on an annual basis thereafter.

### Question 5:

Do you agree with the proposal to retain the current arrangements for collection of participation data?

Yes – 55(98%)  
No – 1(2%)

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### Question 6:

Do you agree with the proposal to retain the current termly funding process?

Yes – 45 (8%)

No – 11 (20%)

### Question 7:

Do you agree with the proposed process for monthly payments to childminders as set out in paragraph 34 of the consultation document?

Yes – 49 (88%)

No – 7 (13%)

### Question 8:

If you have answered No to question 7, please provide reasons for your answer.

- Too much changes, too much work.
- This process seems like a lot more work for all parties.
- Once all children are on funding I would like monthly pay to be coming in
- Yes I agree to Advance payment. I refer back to my previous statement below that I DO NOT agree that payment term of the “last Thursday of the month.” The payment for Childminders should be a DATE of the month to help with budgeting. Like myself who is on HB and moving to Universal Credit it will be my main income and my bills are taken on the same DATE each month. If the money isn't there then bills and rent will not be paid on time. Repeating of late payment can move towards eviction as I privately rent. I also do not have the means to cover any charges for late payments or bank fees for overdraft. Therefore it's imperative that payment is made regularly on the same DATE of the month. As for the Forecast figures and then the actual. As a Childminder my Notice Period is 6 weeks. Therefore I don't see why I would need to Forecast and then repeat the action of Actual figures termly/half termly as I would be able to inform you when a child is actually leaving. We will have to be doing this with a 9 month old who we will normally care for up until the age 3 years. Therefore to keep repeating the same information isn't necessary for Childminders. Otherwise I understand you're process in points 3-5 and accept that would occur.
- As stated Bracknell are paying in advance. If this changes to arrears it will cause massive impacts on financial planning of all minders and their families. Please let the process be smooth. It's a headache as it is to work out funding...!
- I like the current system as I can work out my own amounts to set aside and 'pay' myself on a monthly basis. Which is different to how you will arrange the funding monthly
- It is easier to manage our bills if monthly.

### Do you have any comments on the proposals regarding the monthly payments process?

- Being paid monthly will really help the minders who claim universal credit and make it easier to budget especially when funding for all children kicks in.
- I personally think that it should be monthly payments, so much easier to sort finances.
- I don't like the system. I think we should be able to choice how we are paid.

### Question 9:

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In respect of the number of monthly payments per year, which payment model do you prefer?

- 10 Monthly payments (no payments in July and August) – 20 (38%)
- 12 Monthly payments – 32 (62%)

### **Question 10:**

Do you have any other comments regarding the number of monthly payments per year?

- In respect to 10 or 12 monthly payments, I am planning on having termly payments. I do not want to vote, in case my vote is the decider that makes the vote go against whatever my friend would want. My one word answer would be is best for anyone who really needs monthly payments for a specific reason.
- This could be either way, I personally would prefer 12 months knowing I get a regular income each month of the year but I work all year. I can understand the 10 month process for those that work term time only. But I would prefer the regular income option.
- I have never offered stretched funding, its parental responsibility to make sure they budget for it
- I am not going to answer Q9 as I still wish for my payments to be termly. I therefore do not want to "sway" the vote on either 10 or 12 payments, as I feel that the childminders who wish to be paid monthly, should have a fair vote.
- Have not selected either option in 9 as personally rush to remain termly payments so will leave open for those who are choosing monthly obtain the majority vote
- I don't like either

**Do you have any other comments regarding the proposals in this consultation?**

- I found the info evening on the 25th January very helpful, I would also like to thank the childminders on the childminders working committee who have spent extra time working with the Borough over these documents
- I would like personally to remain as it is and receive payment termly, 60% and later the remaining 40%
- I think BFC have put a lot of time and effort into allowing our voices to be heard. I read a lot of negative press regarding the implementation of new funding, however I think we are very well supported in this borough, so thank you.
- One of my concerns having gone to the consulting meeting is that people are going to vote for 10 months even if they are still going to use the termly payments. Therefore giving a false view, as per a conversation I had with another Childminder
- Thank you to the EY funding team, and all those involved in the consultation process. I appreciate the time and effort required of everyone.