

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I069810
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1. **TITLE:** Free Childcare Places: Changes to operational and administrative arrangements

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

For the Executive Member to approve the changes to operational and administrative arrangements for free childcare places in response to recent changes in government policy and statutory guidance.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Children, Young People & Learning

6. **DECISION:**

That taking account of the significant support from providers to the proposed Provider Agreement, that with effect from 1 September 2017, the revised agreement relating to free childcare places, as set out in Annex B of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning's report be adopted.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The proposals made are considered to be the best available, taking account of the national and local priorities, provider responses from the consultation and the need to ensure administrative and operational arrangements meet the statutory requirements, address historic inequalities and maximise efficiency of operation.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The options were detailed in the Director of Children, Young People & Learning's report.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** All providers of childcare in Bracknell Forest

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
27 July 2017	3 August 2017