

## **Childcare Duty Sufficiency Report – Report of the Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board**

**Report to Cabinet on 13 December 2022**

### **Background**

1. The Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board met on 21 November 2022 to consider the Childcare Duty Sufficiency Report.
2. Emma Kerridge, Senior Early Years Advisor, outlined the submitted Childcare Duty Sufficiency Report, which provided an update in respect of early years need and provision over the past 12 months. Members noted the high take up of two year old funding with 85% of eligible children accessing funding compared to a national average of 72%. 84% of providers were good or outstanding with 11% still awaiting their first inspection. The Senior Early Years Advisor responded to Members’ questions in relation to the following:
  - One third of families were single parent how do we ensure that they are aware of the support and provision on offer and what was being done to highlight services to them.
  - The report covers children up to the age of 14 years, what support does this cover.
  - Was there a charge for holiday clubs.
  - 11% of women smoke during pregnancy, which was higher than the national average, what was the national average and was vaping data also collated.
  - The report highlights one school requiring improvement, what support was provided to help the school.
- 3 The Sub-Board formed the following recommendation to the Cabinet. On being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried unanimously.

That the Cabinet be recommended to approve the submitted Childcare Duty Sufficiency Report subject to the inclusion of the national average of women smoking during pregnancy and consideration being given to future reports to include statistics around women vaping during pregnancy.