

	Officer's Name	Date	Comments
<i>Section 151 officer</i>	Malcome Coe	25/2/25	Approved our 2 nd delivery plan and finances
Finance Team	Alison Karssens	Multiple dates	Each school application sent with SLA as evidence to be approved
Procurement team	Chloe Farquhar	Multiple dates	Procurement

Meeting: Children's overview and scrutiny board **Date:** 17th November

Wards affected: All wards

Report Title: Wraparound programme delivery

When does the decision need to be implemented? n/a

Cabinet Member Contact Details: Councillor Bye

Director Contact Details: Nancy Meehan, director of children's services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Government's Wraparound Childcare Programme aims to ensure that all school-aged children in England have access to wraparound care from 8am to 6pm during term time. This initiative is designed to support working families by expanding access to high-quality, flexible childcare before and after school.
- 1.2 We are seeking active support from stakeholders to champion the importance of equitable access to high-quality childcare for all families across Torbay. This includes advocating for inclusive wraparound provision that meets the needs of working parents, supports children's development, and ensures no child is left behind due to socioeconomic barriers. By working together — across schools, trusts, local authorities, and community partners — we can build a system that reflects the values of fairness, opportunity, and sustainability.

2. Reason for proposal and its benefits

The proposal aims to raise awareness and promote the benefits of wraparound childcare. By spreading the word more widely, schools and local authorities can encourage uptake and ensure families understand the value of these services. The reasons for the proposal, and need for the decision is to help spread the wider word about wraparound

According to the Department for Education, wraparound childcare supports:

- Emotional wellbeing through consistent routines
- Social development via peer interaction outside of formal lessons
- Reduced stress for families by offering reliable care options

Morning wraparound sessions (e.g., breakfast clubs) help children:

- Arrive at school calm and nourished
- Settle into the day with structured activities
- Be mentally and emotionally ready to learn

After-school wraparound provides:

- A safe space to relax and decompress
- Opportunities for creative play, reading, or light activities
- A smoother transition from school to home life

The government's ambition is for wraparound childcare to be universally available to all primary-aged children by September 2026. Schools can offer:

- On-site care before and after school
- Partnerships with local providers (e.g., nurseries, childminders)
- Flexible options tailored to community needs

Wraparound funding can be used for:

Staffing costs to extend hours

Equipment and materials for activities

Training staff for delivering wraparound care

Marketing and outreach to increase awareness

Administrative support to manage bookings and logistics

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 1.1 Create structured opportunities for direct engagement with school leaders and Trust representatives to discuss the wraparound childcare proposals.
- 1.2 Ensure every board member is fully briefed on the contents of the wraparound childcare report. This will empower them to confidently advocate for the initiative, respond to queries, and represent the programme effectively in their respective roles.

1.3 Encourage board members to actively share key information within their local Ward communities. By raising awareness, we can build momentum around the wraparound offer and reinforce its value to families across Torbay.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1: Blank Application Form- A template for schools to complete when applying for wraparound funding.

Appendix 2: Torbay Guidance- Local authority guidance outlining expectations, eligibility, and best practices for wraparound provision in Torbay.

Appendix 3: Panel Notes- Summary notes from the funding panel, including key considerations, feedback, and decision-making criteria.

5. Background Documents

- Document 1- Table outlining which schools and their associated Trusts have received funding to support the government's wraparound childcare initiative.
- [National Wraparound Childcare Programme Handbook - a guide for local authorities](#)
- Breakfast club Early Adopters costing breakdown [Breakfast clubs early adopters: methodology for April to July 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

Supporting Information

6. Introduction

With the current funding set to end in April, we must act swiftly to maximise the opportunity for our children — especially given the high levels of deprivation across Torbay. Every investment made now can have a lasting impact on access, equity, and outcomes.

It's important to recognise and celebrate that all schools in Torbay currently offer some form of wraparound care. This provides a strong foundation to build upon and demonstrates a shared commitment to supporting families.

Schools are understandably concerned about how to sustain provision once funding ends. Exploring strategies such as marketing their wraparound offer and identifying income-generating opportunities will be key to long-term viability.

With a falling birth rate, settings must be proactive in promoting their unique value. Many schools offer free curriculum clubs — so what makes the paid-for wraparound clubs stand out? Clear messaging around enrichment, convenience, and quality will be essential to attract families.

There is a need to improve understanding of tax-free childcare and how parents can access it. Raising awareness could significantly increase uptake and affordability, making wraparound care more accessible to working families.

7.Options under consideration

The process is being delivered in accordance with government guidance, using the financial model we provide to ensure transparency, consistency, and alignment with funding expectations.

8. Financial Opportunities and Implications

Financial planning was aligned with the grant funding available through the council to ensure responsible budgeting and prevent any risk of overspending.

9. Legal Implications

All schools enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) in coordination with the procurement team to ensure consistency, accountability, and compliance with funding and delivery expectations.

10. Engagement and Consultation

Emails- Regular email correspondence has been used to share updates, resources, and guidance with schools and stakeholders.

Phone Calls- Direct phone conversations have supported relationship-building and allowed for more personalised discussions around wraparound provision.

Face-to-Face Meetings- In-person meetings have provided valuable opportunities to explore challenges, share best practices, and strengthen collaboration.

GAP Meetings with Childcare Works- We've actively participated in GAP (Group Action Plan) meetings with Childcare Works to review different aspects of our approach and identify areas for development.

Challenges in School Engagement- Despite ongoing efforts, engaging schools consistently remains a significant challenge, particularly in securing responses and commitment to next steps.

Parental Surveys- Schools have been encouraged to distribute parental surveys to gather insights into childcare needs and preferences, though uptake has varied.

Annual Sufficiency Report- The annual sufficiency report is shared with schools to forward to parents. However, the data collected does not always provide a fully accurate picture of local demand and unmet need.

11. Procurement Implications

Advice and guidance have been actively sought throughout the process to ensure informed decision-making and alignment with best practices. We have designed the supporting documentation and contributed to the structure of the decision-making panel. For further detail, please refer to the panel notes in Appendix 3.

12. Protecting our naturally inspiring Bay and tackling Climate Change

School-led activities — such as eco initiatives, themed assemblies, student-led campaigns, and curriculum-linked projects — can play a vital role in raising awareness of climate issues and inspiring positive change within the wider community.

13. Associated Risks

The funding already secured will not be withdrawn; however, the full allocation will only be released once we can provide evidence that schools intend to use it. Any money allocated will continue to support wraparound provision beyond the official programme end date, ensuring sustained impact.

14. Equality Impact Assessment

Protected characteristics under the Equality Act and groups with increased vulnerability	Data and insight	Equality considerations (including any adverse impacts)	Mitigation activities	Responsible department and timeframe for implementing mitigation activities
Age	18 per cent of Torbay residents are under 18 years old. 55 per cent of Torbay residents are aged between 18 to 64 years old.	No adverse impacts anticipated. Wraparound care provides several benefits to children: Adaptable environments: Spaces and resources are flexible to accommodate a range of ages and interests.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

	27 per cent of Torbay residents are aged 65 and older.	Staffing and training: Staff are trained to differentiate their approach based on age and developmental stage.		
Carers	At the time of the 2021 census there were 14,900 unpaid carers in Torbay. 5,185 of these provided 50 hours or more of care.	No adverse impact anticipated. Wraparound can support young carers and carers by: - Extended care hours give adult carers time to rest, attend appointments, or manage other responsibilities. - After-school clubs relieve older siblings from caregiving duties. - Flexibility allows families to tailor care to their needs, whether for work, health, or personal time.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Disability	In the 2021 Census, 23.8% of Torbay residents answered that their day-to-day activities were limited a little or a lot by a physical or mental health condition or illness.	No adverse impact anticipated. Wraparound offers an inclusive environment by: - Extended access to learning and play ensures children with SEND are included in all aspects of school life, not just during core hours. - Consistent routines and familiar staff help reduce anxiety and support emotional regulation. - Funding for Additional Adults.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

		- Targeted support from trained staff enables personalised care and attention. - Funded childminders can offer a more nurturing, home-like setting for children who benefit from quieter spaces.		
Gender reassignment	In the 2021 Census, 0.4% of Torbay's community answered that their gender identity was not the same as their sex registered at birth. This proportion is similar to the Southwest and is lower than England.	No adverse impacts anticipated. When wraparound is integrated into the school's ethos, it ensures children receive consistent support throughout the day.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Marriage and civil partnership	Of those Torbay residents aged 16 and over at the time of 2021 Census, 44.2% of people were married or in a registered civil partnership.	No adverse impact anticipated.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Pregnancy and maternity	Over the period 2010 to 2021, the rate of live births (as a proportion of females aged 15 to 44) has been slightly but significantly higher in Torbay (average of 63.7 per 1,000) than England (60.2) and the South West (58.4). There has been a notable fall in the	No adverse impact anticipated. Wraparound supports families by: - Many providers offer adaptable hours, helping families manage changing needs during pregnancy. - Wraparound ensures older children have consistent routines and supervision.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

	numbers of live births since the middle of the last decade across all geographical areas.	Eligible families can use schemes like Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare to reduce costs.		
Race	In the 2021 Census, 96.1% of Torbay residents described their ethnicity as white. This is a higher proportion than the South West and England. Black, Asian and minority ethnic individuals are more likely to live in areas of Torbay classified as being amongst the 20% most deprived areas in England.	No adverse impact anticipated. Wraparound should reinforce a school's equality policy by: - promoting respect, diversity, and inclusion in all interactions and activities. - Activities, books, and resources used during sessions can reflect diverse cultures, languages, and backgrounds, helping all children feel seen and valued. - Staff aware of cultural sensitivities, dietary needs, and family traditions, fostering a sense of belonging.	Schools to provide multilingual materials to support families in their community. Visual aids: Use clear visuals, icons, and diagrams to support understanding for families with limited literacy or English proficiency. Ensure online registration and information pages are easy to navigate on smartphones.	Not Applicable
Religion and belief	64.8% of Torbay residents who stated that they have a religion in the 2021 census.	No adverse impact anticipated. Wraparound can support religions and beliefs by: Incorporating cultural festivals, stories, and music into activities to help children feel represented and foster awareness among peers.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Sex	51.3% of Torbay's population are female and 48.7% are male	No adverse impact anticipated Wraparound provision can support parents through: - Extended hours support shift work, commuting, or unexpected delays. - Reliable routine ensures children are cared for consistently, even when one parent is juggling multiple responsibilities. - Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare can make wraparound more affordable for low-income or single-parent households.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Sexual orientation	In the 2021 Census, 3.4% of those in Torbay aged over 16 identified their sexuality as either Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or, used another term to describe their sexual orientation.	No specific impact anticipated. Reflecting the school's commitment to equality, ensuring all children feel safe, respected, and valued regardless of their family structure.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Armed Forces Community	In 2021, 3.8% of residents in England reported that they had previously served in the UK armed forces. In Torbay, 5.9 per cent of the population have previously served in the UK armed forces.	No adverse impact anticipated Wraparound will support families by: - Offering flexibility, stability when parents are on duty, deployed, or working irregular hours. - Consistent routines and familiar environments help children cope	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

		with the emotional impact of parental deployment or relocation.		
Additional considerations				
Socio-economic impacts (Including impacts on child poverty and deprivation)	Access to child tax credits and understanding how to use them	No adverse impact anticipated Wraparound can support vulnerable families by: • providing stability for children from families experiencing hardship, housing insecurity, or domestic challenges. • wraparound care ensures children are in heated, safe environments while parents work or manage other responsibilities. • Tax-Free Childcare scheme and Universal Credit Childcare	Schools to avoid jargon and use simple, direct wording to explain services, costs, and registration steps. Provide printed flyers, posters, and paper registration forms for families without reliable internet access. Explain eligibility for schemes like Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare. Help with completing forms or accessing financial support.	Not Applicable
Public Health impacts (Including impacts on the general health of the population of Torbay)		No adverse impact anticipated. Wraparound supports public health by: • providing balanced food options that meet Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) • Children learn about healthy choices through mealtime routines, cooking activities, and exposure to diverse foods, which	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

		can influence long-term eating habits.		
Human Rights impacts		No adverse impact anticipated. Wraparound supports human rights by: Ensuring all children—regardless of background—can benefit from extended learning, play, and social development.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Child Friendly	Torbay Council is a Child Friendly Council, and all staff and Councillors are Corporate Parents and have a responsibility towards cared for and care experienced children and young people.	No adverse impact anticipated. Wraparound supports children by: - Implementing effective safeguarding policies. - Alignment with school values and policies helps maintain consistency in behaviour expectations, inclusion, and emotional support.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

9. Cumulative Council Impact

none

10. Cumulative Community Impacts

none