

## **ADDENDUM**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 9<sup>th</sup> June 2003  
Executive Committee 17<sup>th</sup> June 2003

### Early Years Best Value, Implementation Progress Report

Please note the following 2 amendments to the Early Years agenda Item:

#### Additional Paragraph 10(B):

These recommendations were considered by the Executive at its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2003, and officers were asked to address these in their report back to the Executive in April 2003.

In addition Overview & Scrutiny Committee asked the Strategic Director for Education and Culture to develop a discretionary payment scheme for families with three or more children under 5 years of age. Details of this scheme are outlined at paragraph 16 of the report.

#### Replacement Paragraph 16:

The cost of a full time place at a Council run Early Years Centre increased from £100 to £135pw on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003. In response to the request of the Executive, a discretionary payment scheme has been introduced at Early Years Centres for families with 2, 3 or more children under 5 using Early Years Centre facilities. A fee reduction policy for siblings is in place. Families with 2 children under 5 attending a Centre will pay 70% for the second child. Families with 3 or more children under 5, will be required to pay 50% of the full fee for the third and subsequent children. Management Committees of Community Nurseries were written to February 2003, urging that consideration be given to increasing their fees from April 2003 in line with national trends, and gave clear examples of what these increases should be based on their current fee levels.