



Councillor Tom Wells
Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board

11 February 2026

Dear Cllr Wells,

FORWARD PLAN – NOTICE OF URGENT CABINET MEMBER DECISION

I am writing to you in relation to an item which is due to be considered by the Cabinet Member on 20 February 2026; Proposed changes to the Early Years single funding formula (EYSFF), Special Education Needs Inclusion Funding (SENIF) for the funding of under 2's, 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Notice of the Decision

As you are aware, under access to information legislation, 28 days public notice is usually required of any items that require a Key Decision to be made. This period can be shorter if urgent. For transparency and the avoidance of doubt I am notifying you that it appears to me, on the information I currently have, that it is impracticable to provide 28 days' notice of the above anticipated decision. For reasons of expediency and timing, a decision on this item is required by 20 February which is within those 28 days. This would permit urgent consideration of the report on Proposed changes to the Early Years single funding formula (EYSFF), Special Education Needs Inclusion Funding (SENIF) for the funding of under 2's, 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

As this Notice is made available to you and the public 5 clear days before the intended Cabinet Member decision on 20 February, there is no requirement for you to respond to this part of the Notice, nor to agree to the urgent consideration of this item. The purpose of this Notice is to ensure that you are aware, in accordance with the constitutional rules, that the Cabinet Member will be asked to consider this item on 20 February 2026. Please note that the report for the item will be publicly accessible in advance of the decision.

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Yours sincerely

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