

# Early Years Entitlement Expansion and Wraparound Project Board Meeting

Tuesday 2 September 2025

1pm – 2.30pm

Via Teams

# Agenda and attendees



| Item | Description   | Lead  |
|------|---|---|
| 1    | <b>Welcome and Apologies</b>  | Head of Early Years Childcare and School Readiness  |
| 2    | <u><b>Setting the scene</b></u>   | Head of Early Years Childcare and School Readiness  |
| 3    | <u><b>Highlight Report</b></u><br>- Decisions<br>- Finance Update<br>- Workstream Updates (Achieved and Planned Activity / Milestones)<br><i>including update on Wraparound Places to date, Early Years sufficiency in Cambridgeshire and Capital Grant progress to date.</i><br>- Milestones<br>- Benefits Update<br>- Risks<br>- Issues | Project Manager<br>Finance Business Partner<br>Senior Adviser Intervention, Safeguarding and Sustainability<br>Senior Adviser Inclusion & Vulnerable Groups<br>Huntingdon Early Years Areas Education Officer |
| 4    | <u><b>Parent Survey</b></u> - results   | Quality Improvement Co-ordinator  |
| 5    | <u><b>Minutes of the last meeting and outstanding actions</b></u>   | Project Manager   |
| 6    | <u><b>AOB</b></u><br>- Future agenda items and frequency of meetings  | Head of Early Years Childcare and School Readiness  |



# Setting the Scene

Annette Brooker



# Role of the Local Authority

## Early Years, Childcare & School Readiness Service

### Early education and childcare - GOV.UK

The remit of the service is set out within Government Statutory Guidance and includes:

- To secure sufficient childcare for working parents (or those studying or training), including wraparound childcare.
- To secure early years provision free of charge \*
- To provide information, advice and assistance to parents and prospective parents.
- To publish certain sector information at prescribed intervals.
- To provide information, advice, and training to childcare providers.
- To improve the outcomes of all children under 5 and reduce inequalities.

\* The guidance applies to:

- the 15 hour entitlement for the most disadvantaged 2-year-olds ('disadvantaged 2-year-olds entitlement')
- the 15 hour entitlement for parents of 3- and 4-year-olds (the 'universal entitlement')
- the working parent entitlements, which include:
  - the 30 hour entitlement for eligible working parents of 3 and 4-year-olds
  - from April 2024, the 15 hour entitlement for children aged 2 years of eligible working parents
  - from September 2024, the 15 hour entitlement for children aged 9 months of eligible working parents
  - from September 2025, the 30 hour entitlement for children aged 9 months of eligible working parents

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# National expansion of Early Years Funded Entitlement and Wraparound Childcare



- From April 2024, all working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week.
- From September 2024, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 15 hours per week.
- From September 2025 all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 30 hours free childcare per week; and
- 8-6 wraparound childcare for all primary aged children from September 2024.

