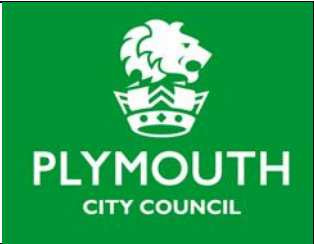


MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: 15 September 2025
Title of Motion: Giving Plymouth Children the Best Start in Life
Motion Narrative: <p>This Council believes every child in Plymouth deserves the best start in life.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From 1 September, the Government is delivering 30 hours of government-funded childcare for working parents of children aged nine months to four years - worth up to £7,500 a year per child.• New free breakfast clubs in schools will be rolling out this academic year following encouraging feedback from the early adopter schools, saving families up to £450 per year.• The Government is investing £500 million in Best Start Family Hubs, with expansion to every local authority by April 2026. This will build on Plymouth’s existing Family Hub network already operating successfully across the city, helping take them to the next level.• Funding for school-based nurseries is being expanded through the £15 million school-based capital grant announced in October 2024. This allows eligible primary schools to bid for up to £150,000 to create or expand nursery provision. In April, three Plymouth primary schools were successful in securing funding. <p>Plymouth City Council further notes that this represents one of the biggest expansions of childcare in our country’s history, marking a promise delivered for working families.</p>
Action Required: <p>Plymouth City Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome the expansion of childcare and early years provision, recognising its positive impact on Plymouth families.• Work with schools and providers in the city to fully promote and support take-up of new entitlements, including breakfast clubs and nurseries.• Map local childcare and nursery capacity to identify where pressure is greatest and ensure future expansion targets those communities.• Ensure even more families are aware of and can access Family Hub support, building on the existing network and supporting the rollout to more parts of the city.• Request a report back to Cabinet and the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel in one year on the roll-out of 30 hours childcare in Plymouth, including take-up,

impact, and any local capacity challenges, and share these findings with the Education Secretary.
Proposer: Councillor Charlotte Holloway
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