

TITLE	School Readiness
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health and Wellbeing Board on 8 October 2015
WARD	None specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Clear understanding of the importance of school readiness to recognise and promote success

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note and support the actions identified.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

School readiness is an essential factor in ensuring that children can be well prepared for starting school. It is important to continue to enhance close partnerships with schools, settings and other providers alongside working effectively with parents.

The key aim is to ensure that all children meet their development milestones on transition to pre-school, nursey, reception and Year one. The School Readiness Action Plan (attached) details the key actions to achieving this aim.

Background

See annex

Analysis of Issues

See annex

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Within Service budgets	n/a	R
Next Financial Year (Year 2)		n/a	R
Following Financial Year (Year 3)		n/a	R

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision	
Children's Services benefits from improving the effectiveness of school readiness particularly with vulnerable pupils.	
Cross-Council Implications	
On Children's Services as noted	
Reasons for considering the report in Part 2	
N/A	
List of Background Papers	
n/a	
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