CYNGOR CAERDYDD CARDIFF COUNCIL



COUNCIL

AMENDMENT TO MOTION 2

Proposed by: Councillor Ed Stubbs

Seconded by: Councillor Sue Lent

Delete all from paragraph 2 (below the bullet points) and replace with:

The Council recognises that there continues to be many young children across the city who do not meet their developmental milestones and whose families require a range of non-stigmatised support, in order for these children to start nursery education at the expected level and stage of development.

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This motion calls upon the Cabinet to continue to work towards developing a broader family support model that will build on the practice provided through programmes like Flying Start.

This will include:

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- Implementing the Childcare Offer which will provide eligible working parents of 3 and 4 year olds with 30 hours of funded early years education (Foundation Phase Nursery FPN) and childcare per week, for up to 48 weeks a year. This will start to be phased in across the city from September 2018.
- Supporting the Cardiff and Vale UHB in the implementation of Healthy Child Wales Programme across Cardiff. This is a universal health programme for all families with 0 7 year old children.
- Develop a preventative Support for Families Service, aimed at supporting families and those professionals working with them (e.g. schools, youth workers etc.), in accessing the right support at the right time, before the need for statutory intervention.

The combination of these approaches, combined with the continued drive to improve standards is aimed at improving the life chances of our youngest citizens in Cardiff and reducing the attainment gap, so that no child is left behind. The Amended Motion would read as follows:

This Council recognises the positive steps set out in the Council's Capital Ambition document to make sure every child in Cardiff goes to a good or excellent school and that around half of schools are either good or excellent. It also recognises the good work of officers, teachers, governors and others, involved in education in Cardiff that has brought about the improvement in standards in recent years and the continuing need and drive to further improve standards across all levels and in all areas of Cardiff.

This Council recognises that Capital Ambition states that:

- We will close the attainment gap in schools so that no child is left behind
- Education is one of the surest routes out of poverty
- Education is everyone's business
- We must invest in aspiration and life chances from an early age
- We must work to align funding from across the public and third sectors around what each individual child and family needs
- Early intervention is critical
- We need to provide lasting solutions to complex problems
- That every citizen will have the chance to fulfil their potential and
- That the key to long term success and prosperity of a city lies in how it chooses to invest in aspiration and life chances from an early age.

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