

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 16 SEPTEMBER 2003**

**PAYMENT OF GRANT PER PLACE TO EARLY YEARS PARTNER PROVIDERS**

**Report by Director of Educational and Social Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Committee approval for the 2003/04 grant per place to Early Education Partner Providers.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Scottish Executive sets the minimum grant per place for Partner Providers on an annual basis.
- 2.2 Although pre-school funding is now integrated into general funding allocations to local authorities it was agreed that the Scottish Executive would continue to advise Authorities of an advisory "floor" for the rate at which Partner Provider places should be bought.

**3. GRANT PER PLACE 2003/04**

- 3.1 The advisory "floor" for session 2003/04 is £987, representing a 2.5% increase from 2002/03.

**4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This is in line with the policy to provide a pre-school education place for all 3 and 4 year olds in East Ayrshire.

**5. LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Nil

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 Members of the Education Committee are asked to:
- (i) approve the grant per place to Partner Providers for 2003/04; and
  - (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Scottish Executive correspondence: Pre-School Grant Distribution for 2003/04
2. Advisory Floor 2003/04
3. Participation right information

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