

EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS POLICY AND PERFORMANCE  
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**4. EARLY YEARS FRAMEWORK**

The Government, in partnership with COSLA, have developed a new national Early Years Framework for children from pre-birth to eight years of age. The framework is in two parts. The first establishes the case for change in Early Years provision and identified elements of change and priorities for action. The second part examines the change elements in greater detail. A report summarising the analysis and key recommendations contained within the Government's newly published Early Years Framework was considered.

**Decision**

1. To note the content of the new national Early Years Framework;
2. To note that local implementation of this should be taken forward by Community Planning Partners as part of the development of the local Integrated Children's Services Plan (ICSP) for 2009-2012;
3. To refer the report to the Executive for further consideration at its meeting in April 2009; and
4. To note that a report on a Review of the Council's Early Years Service will be brought to the PPG in May 2009.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services dated January 2009, submitted)