

Children receiving the best possible start in life

Members are asked to consider a notice of motion in the names of A Arif, Bayley, Boles, Cummins, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Frith, Gold, Green, Grimshaw, Haroon, Hayes, Hook, Ibrahim, McGill, Morris, Moss, O'Brien, Pilkington, Quinn Alan, Quinn Deborah, Rafiq, Rahimov, Rizvi, Rubinstein, Ryder, Smith Lucy, Southworth, Staples-Jones Gareth, Tariq, Thorpe, Walmsley.

This Council is committed to ensuring that every child receives the best possible start in life. We believe that all children should have the opportunity to be healthy, to learn effectively at school, and to make the most of their potential.

Providing this foundation is not only the right thing to do for every child - it is essential for the wellbeing of our communities and the strength of our economy. By investing early, we reduce the need for future interventions, support families to thrive, and create a skilled workforce that attracts economic investment and drives long-term prosperity.

This council recognises the work we have already achieved in giving children the best start in life with

- Award winning school attendance programme
- New parenting app and parenting classes
- Providing free school meals during the holiday seasons
- An extensive universal offer for children aged 0-5 and their parents
- Sessions for children aged 0-5 years with SEND, additional needs or emerging SEND and their families
- The development of a robust Speech and Language Pathway that is multi agency led and delivered
- Improved the Healthy Child Program with over 90% of children now attending their 2 ½ year health check
- Established community-based Midwifery antenatal and postnatal care in neighbourhoods through our children's centres and Family Hub

Furthermore, this council recognises the commitment of the Labour Government to ensure every child gets their best start in life:

- The National Wrap around Childcare programme
- Expanded Early Years entitlements to support working parents and families
- New school breakfast clubs
- Increased early years pupil premium per pupil to a record level
- Extending entitlement for free school meals
- Better health services for Looked after children and care leavers
- Support to increase School-Based Nursery (SBN) Provision

This council resolves to work with partners within the NHS, VCFA, Schools, Early Years settings and parents and wider Team Bury to deliver by 2028:

- An increase in the outcomes achieved in the statutory measure for school readiness working towards our 5 year plan for an increase in learning development target of nearly 10%
- Rollout of physical buildings for Best Start Family Hub delivery in Chesham Fold, Radcliffe and Whitefield
- A physical development and Personal, Social, emotional and well being pathway for children aged 0-5 years
- Early identification of need and support including those children with special educational needs, by launching our newly coproduced SEND and inclusion pathways for both Early Years practitioners and parents.