

Action from Coporate Committee on 31 January 2023

Agenda Item No:	10
Report Title	Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2020-21 Results
Responsible Officer:	Louise Marshall

Information Sought:	Response:																									
1. Feed back to Committee with more information on funding and pupil numbers	<p>In terms of the Cost per Pre-school pupil, the indicator result reported a significant increasing trend due to increases in Gross expenditure as evident in the source data –</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Cost per Pupil</th><th>Gross Expenditure (£000s)</th><th>No of Places</th><th>Rank (of 32)</th></tr><tr><td>2017-18</td><td>£2,749</td><td>£4,640</td><td>1,688</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2018-19</td><td>£3,526</td><td>£5,811</td><td>1,648</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2019-20</td><td>£5,496</td><td>£9,139</td><td>1,663</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>2020-21</td><td>£7,420</td><td>£11,901</td><td>1,604</td><td>4</td></tr></table> <p>Funded early learning and childcare (ELC) is available to all three and four year olds and eligible two year olds. Entitlement increased to 1,140 hours per year from August 2021. Local Authorities were supported to build the capacity needed in their communities to phase in extended entitlement through a multi-year capital and revenue funding agreement.</p>	Year	Cost per Pupil	Gross Expenditure (£000s)	No of Places	Rank (of 32)	2017-18	£2,749	£4,640	1,688	1	2018-19	£3,526	£5,811	1,648	1	2019-20	£5,496	£9,139	1,663	2	2020-21	£7,420	£11,901	1,604	4
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2. Feed back to Committee with more information on the definitions in regard to the suitability and condition of assets.	<p>Local Government Benchmarking Framework indicator definitions for Corporate Asset Suitability and Condition (pages 107-110 refers).</p> <p>One potential source of confusion when assessing the condition rating is the distinction between condition and suitability.</p> <p>Compliance with the design intent should be addressed under condition. Hence, condition deals with the state of repair of features or facilities that exist as part of the fabric (and as part of its current design).</p> <p>Suitability rating does not include any issues which should be considered under condition,</p>																									

	<p>the facilities should be assessed as through they were in a good condition.</p> <p>For example, a leaking roof, however inconvenient, should not affect the suitability rating but should instead be a matter to be considered in the context of the condition rating.</p>
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