

# Findings from Returned Childcare Charges Questionnaire from Local Authority & Early Education and Childcare Centres

1. Are you or your partner an employee of West Dunbartonshire Council?	Yes	51	No	148	Blank	2
2. Do you pay for your childcare?	Yes	98	No	100		3
3. Does your child attend any of the following?						
Council Early Education and Childcare Centre		170				
Council Out of School Care		24				
Private Nursery		7				
Private/Voluntary Out of School Care		8				
4. How many children do you have in childcare?	0	1	2	3	Blank	
	10	121	50	3		3
5. What ages are the children?	0 - 3yrs	3 - 5yrs	5yrs +	blank		
please identify number in each age group	64	414	46			7

Currently the Council childcare charges are as follows:-

£2.50 per hour for nursery provision

£2.00 per hour for out of school care

Discounts

i) parents accessing 20 hours or more of childcare for any one child (in addition to any pre-school or ante pre-school eligibility) should be entitled to a 5% reduction.

ii) parents accessing 40 hours or more of childcare for any one child should be entitled to 10% reduction

iii) if more than one child from the same family is accessing childcare, the second child will be charged at 50% of the agreed rate. If there are three or more children, the third and any subsequent child should be charged 25% of the agreed rate.

It is proposed that the charges are increased to £3.00 and £2.50 per hour and discounts are removed.

Do you think an increase in charges is fair and appropriate?	Yes	131	No	68	No ans	2
Do you think the removal of discounts is fair and appropriate?	Yes	39	No	159		3

**Additional comments:**

201 Questionnaires received back

Findings as follows

51 parents are West Dunbartonshire employees

98 parents pay for childcare

170 children attend Local Authority Centre

131 parents think the childcare charges increase is fair and appropriate

39 parents think that the removal of the discounts is appropriate