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**REMOVAL OF NURSERY DISCOUNTS**

Having heard the Head of Legal and Administrative Services, the Council agreed to suspend Standing Order No 16 in order to consider the undernoted proposal as a period of six months had not passed since the Children's Services Committee made a decision on the matter.

Having heard Councillor Maceira, the Council unanimously agreed to approve the undernoted motion:-

This Council recognises the importance of having excellent child care facilities for parents returning to work. Nurseries are a valued service provider for working parents.

The removal of nursery discounts will result in parents being £8,000 to £10,000 worse off and could potentially force parents to seek alternative employment.

I would like to raise a motion recommending the Council suspends the decision for further consultation and this item can be fully discussed at the next meeting of the Children's Services Committee.

For working parents their children's safety and wellbeing is paramount and the waiting list for nurseries proves this is vital service which gives

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