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## Appointment to the Board of Smilechildcare

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### Executive Summary

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Councillor Fullerton has been invited to join the Board of Smilechildcare – an Edinburgh based affordable childcare provider. The Council, through Children and Families and Economic Development, has worked with Smilechildcare since 2006 to provide subsidised, affordable, high quality, flexible childcare to families on low income and families accessing further education/training.

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## Appointment to the Board of Smilechildcare

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 The Council is asked to consider appointing Councillor Fullerton to the Board of Smilechildcare.

### 2. Background

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- 2.1 Smilechildcare has worked in partnership with CEC since 2006, providing subsidised childcare places and services for low income families.
- 2.2 In 2015, following a review of subsidised childcare funding, the Council awarded a contract to Smilechildcare, along with three other providers, to deliver affordable childcare in socially deprived areas. This contract is due for renewal in June 2017.

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 Smilechildcare has a number of centres offering a wide range of provision to meet the needs of children and their families. These include:
  - 3.1.1 Early Years Centre based in the grounds of Canal View Primary School which has the capacity to offer 26 full time childcare places on a daily basis;
  - 3.1.2 Pre-School Centre based at 17 Calder Grove Edinburgh offering 48 full time childcare places for children aged between three and five;
  - 3.1.3 After School Care based in the premises of Murrayburn, Clovenstone & Stenhouse Primary Schools offering care for over 122 children, with more spaces available in schools holiday time;
  - 3.1.4 The Holiday Playscheme which operates from Murrayburn;
  - 3.1.5 Breakfast Club based in the premises of Corstorphine Primary School providing breakfast for up to 40 children on a daily basis.
- 3.2 Smilechildcare has requested that the Council appoint Councillor Fullerton to its Board to support its work in ensuring the continued provision of high quality, low cost childcare to those most in need in the community.

#### **4. Measures of success**

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- 4.1 Successful delivery of the Pledge P6 – Establish city-wide co-operatives for affordable childcare for working parents.

#### **5. Financial impact**

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- 5.1 There is no direct financial impact to the Council arising from the recommendation in this report.

#### **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 Smilechildcare is a registered charity SCO2760. Its Memorandum of Association provide that liability of members is limited and that each member undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while s/he is a member or within one year of ceasing to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities.

#### **7. Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 Not applicable.

#### **8. Sustainability impact**

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- 8.1 Not applicable.

#### **9. Consultation and engagement**

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- 9.1 There is ongoing dialogue with SmileChildcare as they are already in partnership with CEC to deliver affordable childcare.

#### **10. Background reading/external references**

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- 10.1 Letter from Smilechildcare dated 8 October 2015

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### 11. Links

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Coalition pledges	P6 – Establish city-wide co-operatives for affordable childcare for working parents
Council outcomes	CO1 – Our children have the best start in life, are able to make and sustain relationships and are ready to succeed
Single Outcome Agreement	SO3 – Edinburgh's children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential
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