

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION**  
**CABINET BOARD**  
**20 DECEMBER 2012**

**EDUCATION, LEISURE & LIFELONG LEARNING**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT – R WARD**

**INDEX OF REPORT ITEM**

**PART 1 – Doc. Code: CYPEB –201212 REP-EL-RW**

<b>SECTION B – MATTER FOR INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Report Item</b>	<b>Page No</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>
Flying Start Programme Progress Report	2-5	Aberavon, Blaengwrach, Briton Ferry East, Briton Ferry West, Bryn and Cwmavon, Coedffranc Central, Cymmer, Glyncoirwg, Glynneath, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, Gwynfi, Neath East, Neath North, Neath South, Pontardawe, Sandfields East, Sandfields West, Taibach, Ystalyfera

## **PART 1, SECTION B, ITEM 1**

### **FLYING START PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To inform Members of the progress of the Flying Start programme

#### **Background**

The programme has been operating since 2008 and the Phase 1 eligibility was based on school catchment areas with a free school meal take up of 45% and above. We are now in the second phase of Flying Start. Over the next three years the programme will expand across the County Borough and by 2015 we will have over 1600 children benefitting. Currently we have a capacity target figure for 2012/2013 of 965 children in the programme aged 0-3 years.

The team consists of Health Visitors seconded from ABM U who have a maximum caseload of 110 children. This allows for a more intensive service to be delivered. There are also NHS Community Nursery Nurses advising families on weaning, toilet training, behaviour and speech and language problems.

There are 11 childcare settings delivering free childcare places for 280 children for two and a half hours a day, 5 days a week of 42 weeks of the year. Children take up a place from their second birthday until they start nursery school at three. The expansion areas are listed in Appendix 1 and we have started developing childcare settings within those who do not have them.

Within the current year we have expanded into LSOA Neath North 3 (Fairlyland). This now has a Health Visitor and children have been placed in childcare. We have continued with the policy of utilising any existing childcare in Flying Start areas and developing new where necessary. The childcare settings are continuing to provide a quality service and we have increased the number of places as more children are now being registered with the programme.

We recently submitted our first set of statistics to the Welsh Government in the new format. In measuring the attendance at NPT Flying Start playgroups we discovered that NPT has a rate of 72.6%. In other Flying Start programmes they are only averaging 60%.

The parenting programmes, baby massage and speech and language advice to parents also continues and we are also supporting parent and toddler groups for the under two's. There are also Educational Psychologists working with Flying Start and they have been able to identify children with emerging additional needs who are attending the Flying Start Playgroups

The Flying Start Childcare Co-Ordinator has developed a developmental tracker for children attending the playgroups which is linked to the Foundation Phase. It is being piloted but early indications are that the childcare staff and Nursery Teachers have welcomed this development and find it very informative and useful.

## **Capital**

The bid we submitted for capital has now been approved and the funding letter received. We have £95K for the schemes listed below and because NPT had adopted a policy of utilising existing childcare settings we did not need large sums for new buildings.

The schemes approved are:

- Additional accommodation for the Flying Start multi agency team
- Moving existing childcare in Skewen
- Creation of a new settings in Bryn and Cwmavon, Blaengwrach, Briton Ferry East, Sandfields East

New settings are placed in schools where possible and Flying Start pay the school for their part of utility bills, caretaking and cleaning. They are managed by private individuals and the staff are not employed by the Local Authority

## **Wards Affected**

Aberavon

Blaengwrach

Briton Ferry East

Briton Ferry West

Bryn and Cwmavon

Coedffranc Central

Cymmer

Glyncorrwg

Glynneath

CYPEB-201212-REP-EL-RAW

Gwaun Cae Gurwen

Gwynfi

Neath East

Neath North

Neath South

Pontardawe

Sandfields East

Sandfields West

Taibach

Ystalyfera

### **List of Background Paper**

Flying Start Guidance

### **Officer Contact**

Carol Connelly – C&YP Programme Manager

Tel: 01639 873022 Email – [c.connelly@npt.gov.uk](mailto:c.connelly@npt.gov.uk)

Mr Russell Ward – Head of Partnerships and Community Development

Tel: 01639 763314. Email – [r.ward@npt.gov.uk](mailto:r.ward@npt.gov.uk)

## APPENDIX 1

LSOA Name	Estimated number of 0-3s in IB HHs	WIMD 2011 Ranking (all)	Proportion of 0-3s in IBH	Year of expansion	
Aberavon 4	55	46	68.6%	Phase 1	These are based on original eligibility criteria - School catchment postcodes for those with a free school meals take up of 45% or more. Those schools are Glyncoirwg, Croeserw, Glanymor, Tir Morfa, Brynhfryd, Melin Infants, Sandfields Primary
Briton Ferry West 1	60	105	67.2%	Phase 1	
Aberavon 2	45	164	59.3%	Phase 1	
Cymmer 2	50	25	57.1%	Phase 1	
Sandfields West 2	45	58	55.6%	Phase 1	
Sandfields East 2	45	67	53.9%	Phase 1	
Neath East 2	25	141	50.9%	Phase 1	
Sandfields West 4	25	135	50.6%	Phase 1	
Sandfields West 3	25	124	49.4%	Phase 1	
Aberavon 3	35	101	47.2%	Phase 1	
Neath South 2	50	176	46.2%	Phase 1	
Neath East 1	40	167	46.0%	Phase 1	
Sandfields East 1	30	219	45.8%	Phase 1	
Glyncoirwg	25	168	44.9%	Phase 1	
Neath East 3	35	201	42.5%	Phase 1	
Neath South 1	25	364	35.5%	Phase 1	
Cymmer 1	20	446	34.0%	Phase 1	
Briton Ferry West 2	20	645	33.2%	Phase 1	
Neath East 4	35	196	31.9%	Phase 1	
Sandfields West 1	25	416	29.4%	Phase 1	These are the new eligibility criteria in Phase 2 - 2012 to 2015 Percentage of 0-3 year olds living in income benefit households
Sandfields East 3	20	960	23.3%	Phase 1	
Neath North 3	35	271	51.5%	2012/13	
Glynneath 1	30	268	44.4%	2013/14	
Coedffranc Central 3	40	234	43.1%	2013/14	
Taibach 2	25	283	42.9%	2013/14	
Bryn and Cwmavon 3	35	222	42.8%	2013/14	
Pontardawe 2	40	447	40.3%	2013/14	
Ystalyfera 2	20	318	36.2%	2013/14	
Gwynfi	30	193	36.1%	2013/14	
Sandfields East 4	25	303	40.7%	2014/15	
Gwaun Cae Gurwen 1	25	497	36.1%	2014/15	
Blaengwrach	25	654	35.7%	2014/15	
Briton Ferry East 2	25	346	35.6%	2014/15	