	to apply for 2017-18 and other matters as detailed in paragraph 38 having regard to the consultation feedback from EY providers detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 together with the views of the WSF in Appendix 4; (h) authorises the Director of Children, Families and Communities to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new EYSFF for the funding of the free entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year olds from April 2017 as required.		
Reason(s) For Decision	To comply with the Government's new Funding arrangements for Early Years' providers		
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	The Council conducted a formal consultation with all Early Years' providers and the Worcestershire Schools Forum. The consultation outcomes have been considered fully by the Worcestershire Schools Forum and the Cabinet Member in arriving at the decision. The decision takes account of Government requirements, views received during the consultation and the funding available.		

Any Conflict of Interest decET