

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

23rd September 2004

Future of Early Education and Childcare in Jersey (RC.35) 548/4(8)

C.E., P&R Ed.S.C.C.(2) A5. The Committee considered a letter dated 11th August 2004, from Deputy J-A. Bridge concerning the report entitled 'A Vision for the future of early education and childcare in Jersey' which had been presented to the States as Rc35/2004 by the Education, Sport and Culture Committee.

The Committee recalled that during the Strategic Plan debate, Deputy Bridge had commented on the lack of reference to support for early years education and childcare. The President had stated that the most appropriate way to respond to this issue would be to await the outcome of the Education, Sport and Culture Committee's Review and ensure that there was a suitable strategy.

The Committee noted Deputy Bridge's response to the consultation document in which she expressed her hope that the Policy and Resources Committee could bring forward a report and proposition outlining the key changes necessary to meet the Strategic targets, bringing children's needs to the centre of States policy.

The Committee was advised that the matter was currently out to consultation and it was anticipated that the Education, Sport and Culture Committee would produce a draft policy by the end of the year. The Committee, mindful of the foregoing, reiterated that it would await the outcome of the Education, Sport and Culture Committee's review before any action was taken.

The Greffier of the States was requested to send a copy of this Act to the Education, Sport and Culture Committee.

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