

Example motion for Council meeting

NAME OF COUNCIL] notes that:

- Maintained nursery schools are some of the highest performing education institutions in our education system. They offer an inclusive ethos and have experience in early intervention and effective support for children with special educational needs and disabilities.
- More importantly, nursery schools can transform lives, especially for some of the most disadvantaged children. Good early education is shown by research to be a huge factor in promoting social mobility and improving the life chances of the poorest.
- With more and more children living in poverty, we should support sustainable nursery school provision in every community, staffed by qualified teachers working alongside qualified support staff.
- Despite their vital role and achievements, however, the future of maintained nursery schools is in jeopardy because the Government has so far failed to guarantee a third of their funding beyond summer 2020.

[NAME OF COUNCIL] resolves to support the campaign to Save Our Nursery Schools and agrees to:

- Sign and publicise the School Cuts petition to the Prime Minister asking him to take action to save nursery schools.
- Lobby the Government for the publication of a long-term funding system that secures the future of maintained nursery schools.
- Support **[NAME(S) OF MAINTAINED NURSERY SCHOOLS IN COUNCIL AREA]** by postponing any decisions to close or restructure provision until details of the funding situation beyond summer 2020 are known. (**delete if there are no maintained nursery schools in your area – a list of schools is available at xxx*).
- Make the case for the **[EXTENSION OF/CREATION OF – DELETE AS APPROPRIATE]** maintained nursery school provision in **[NAME OF COUNCIL AREA]**, given the highly effective and transformative role they perform.