## COMHAIRLE BHAILE MHUINEACHÁIN MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN HALL I DUBLIN STREET MONAGHAN



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25th October 2007

South Dublin County Council County Hall Tallaght Dublin 24

## To All Local Authorities:

A Chara,

At the October Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council the members adopted the following Notice of Motion and requested that it be forwarded to all Local Authorities in the country:-

"That this Council expresses its disappointment with the Government for its intention to implement a new Community Childcare Subvention Scheme without any real consultation with Community Childcare providers.

That we further declare that the present system of providing staffing grants is a more equitable measure rather than the direct subvention proposed under the new scheme which will benefit a small minority of parents which will likely lead to the closure of many community crèches and playschools.

We hereby call on the Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney, T.D. to support the role of community childcare outlets recognising that they have been responsible for providing a vital service which has allowed many parents to return to the workplace and equally important offering early learning opportunities for preschool children. We demand that the proposed scheme be abandoned in favour of a more equitable scheme based on the current model".

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