

Decision Maker: **Children and Young People Portfolio Holder**

Date: **For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 14 July 2011**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

TITLE: CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRES IN BROMLEY – INTERIM REPORT

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the consultation timetable and an outline of emerging findings in order to seek Members initial views before the full outcome report is provided in September.
- 1.2 This report provides an outline and rationale for the revised commissioning process in light of potential changes following the outcomes of the consultation.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **Members of the Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny (CYP PDS) Committee are invited to note and comment on the emerging outcomes of the consultation, and the proposed revised commissioning process.**
- 2.2 **The Children and Young People Portfolio Holder is invited to:**
 - (i) **note this Interim Report;**
 - (ii) **consider any comments arising from the CYP PDS Committee;**
 - (iii) **note that a full report on consultation outcomes will be provided at the next CYP PDS Committee meeting on 6 September 2011.**
 - (iv) **note the revised commissioning process and proposed timetable for statutory, private, community and voluntary sector agencies to bid for delivery of services.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy: Children and Young People Plan 2009-2011
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Bromley Children and Family Project
 4. Total current budget for this head: £15.2m
 5. Source of funding: DSG and Council Tax/Revenue Support Grant/Early Intervention
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional) - 79
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours -
-

Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement: Childcare Act 2006
 2. Call in: Call-in is applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected) -
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? <please select>
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The original programme for the development of Children and Family Centres in Bromley has been approved by the CYP Portfolio Holder over a number of reports since 2006 and was to create 23 centres across three phases. Decisions already taken by the CYP Portfolio Holder to reduce phase 3 from 7 to 2 centres enabled savings of £600k in 2011/12. Further savings in 2012/13 were proposed by reducing to 3 centres in total leaving 2 in areas of deprivation plus one borough wide centre for children with disabilities. A spreadsheet showing the capital allocation and facilities at each centre is available at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 Children and Family Centres have been developed in a manner which makes use of available grant funding to extend the reach of services provided through Bromley Children and Family Project (BCFP) and a wide variety of statutory, voluntary and private providers. Additional work bases in centres have also provided venues for confidential work with families which focus on early intervention and support to vulnerable children and their families, and office space for staff enabling externally rented accommodation to be vacated.
- 3.3 On 22 February 2011 CYP PDS received a report on the outcomes of the initial consultation on the budget savings options for CYP for 2011/12 and 2012/13. The report included a proposal to go out to wider consultation on the proposed reduction in the number of Children and Family Centres funded by the Council.
- 3.4 Consultation meetings have been held in each centre involving a wide variety of stakeholders and users of the centres (see **Appendix 2**). In addition a number of questionnaires have been circulated to schools, early years providers, other services involved with the centres and centre users. These are available at **Appendix 3**. This report provides initial feedback from the meetings but as the consultation has only recently finished the questionnaire responses are still in the process of being collated. Bullet points from each stakeholder meeting are outlined in **Appendix 4** and initial responses from questionnaires are at **Appendix 5**. Parent forums have been used to seek the views of parents on services provided to inform the consultation process. A timetable of meetings and emerging responses are at **Appendix 6**.
- 3.5 Government capital and revenue funding in respect of Children and Family Centres has been made available since 2005 under strict conditions which specified the exact core offer services that centres should deliver focusing on support for parents and carers of children aged 0-5. Centre developments and services have been subject to rigorous external monitoring by the former Department for Children, Schools and Families and now via Department for Education oversight. During the consultation period there have been a number of publications from the DfE indicating that Children and Family Centres are key to the Government's vision for targeted early intervention and prevention services; for example, the Government's Offer of Support to Parents (document due out by 30 June) where it is highlighted as a key priority with a focus on parenting support, good parenting, parent led services. The DfE has also written to all Local Authorities outlining a payment by results project with Children's Centres indicating that failure to deliver against this agenda will affect the level of funding local authorities are allowed to draw down, and published a document entitled the "Core Purpose" of Sure Start Children's Centres. Ofsted has confirmed that Children and Family Centres will continue to be subject to full service inspection following three years of operational designation. Blenheim Children and Family Centre was inspected in November 2010, Mottingham and Castlecombe and James Dixon centres have all been inspected this year. All so far have received a good from Ofsted and one received good with outstanding features.

Emerging outcomes

- 3.6 Professionals attending the meetings have been unanimous in wanting to keep each centre open and so the meetings have focused on how the buildings can continue to be used to support vulnerable families in the area whilst also making the same degree of saving required by the Council.
- 3.7 Officers have been informed by the Department for Education that if the centres do not continue to be used primarily by and for children aged 0-5 and their parents and carers, then the capital provided will be clawed back by the department. This amounts to over £5.4 million for all the centres and were 16 centres to be closed and not used for services to children, a large percentage of that funding would be clawed back. It would therefore seem prudent to ensure that the centres continue to be used by schools, early years providers, health visitors, the Bromley Children Project and other professionals working with children and families. In some centres this would bring in income and in others prevent additional expenditure on other accommodation for Council services.
- 3.8 CYP officers are currently working with colleagues in the property team to ensure that rental charges for the centres are affordable whilst also covering the costs of the building. This is particularly important in the case of early years providers who could be based in the centres thus ensuring that they were still being used appropriately. It would be helpful if CYP PDS could endorse this way of moving forward in partnership.
- 3.9 Where centres are attached and integral to school buildings, the consultation has indicated two possible ways forward. In some cases the buildings will be required as part of the need to find additional forms of entry for reception age children however most of the buildings are too small to provide sufficient classroom space. Some Head Teachers have expressed an interest in using part of the centre for vulnerable reception age children who may not be ready to enter classes, whilst others would like to run after-school clubs and parenting groups from their own budgets. Schools have indicated a wish to work with the Bromley Children Project to ensure that these groups continue to offer appropriate, approved, evidence-based programmes delivered by staff who are both experienced, trained and supervised to protect the Local Authority from repercussions as a result of inappropriate or poor practice.
- 3.10 Colleagues in Bromley Health Care have expressed an interest in continuing to run a range of clinics from the centres, such as Health Visiting, Baby Clinics, whilst other health colleagues would continue to offer midwifery services. The GP Consortium has proposed offering clinics for adult mental health, which could be accompanied by a crèche to meet the needs of the children and comply with DfE guidance. Bromley Health Care has proposed that provided suitable leasing arrangements can be agreed some health care staff could be based in centres. A proposal has been received for one centre to be the base for a family centre in the north/west of the borough to supplement the contact centre used by social care at Saxon House in Orpington.
- 3.11 There have been a number of comments that 3 centres will be insufficient to meet the needs of the areas of deprivation in Bromley. Officers are currently analysing the figures supplied by the DfE for the numbers of vulnerable families each centre would be expected to reach. Whilst still committed to making the required savings it may be that more centres with smaller budgets would be appropriate. Early indications from the DfE suggest that the level of Early Intervention Grant could be reduced if Local Authorities do not meet the demand for Children's Centres in their areas.

Revised Commissioning Process

- 3.12 The impact of a change in the number of local authority funded centres impacts on the way that services to support families will be commissioned. All services and activities currently commissioned to be delivered within the Children and Family Centres will come to an end on 30 September 2011. In order to meet our statutory requirements for the delivery of support and services in designated Children and Family Centres for October 2011 to March 2012, services need to be commissioned to provide a full range of services and activities which will both meet the core offer and local needs. This needs to be achieved within the context of budgetary restrictions and without pre-empting the outcome of the consultation on the future number and type of children and family centres in Bromley.
- 3.13 To achieve this and avoid duplication the commissioning process will be revised. For the period October 2011 to March 2012 a wide range of providers will be invited to bid to deliver services and activities under the Governments revised Core Principals for Surestart Children's Centres; to improve child development and school readiness among young children and reduce inequalities through targeted family support and parenting, promoting health and wellbeing, and improving parenting aspirations and skills.
- 3.14 During the initial six month period, the services provided will be closely monitored and evaluated. This will better inform decisions on service provision for 2012/3 as providers will have been assessed for quality, value for money, effectiveness, ability to deliver against agreed outcome and provide the data to support Payment by Results (PbR). This is considered essential due to the DfE indication that failure to deliver against PbR may reduce the level of Early Intervention Grant released to the local authority.
- 3.15 It is proposed that contracts are issued for the six month period to March 2012 with an option to extend for up to 12 months to March 2013 if the services meet the requirements outlined above (3.14) and there is evidence that the services are still needed. Contracts with providers who fail to deliver will not be extended. Providers will be required include in their bids a unit cost, to enable future extensions to be made on a unit cost basis to ensure value for money and appropriate levels of service delivery.
- 3.16 In order to ensure the requirements above (3.14) a new monitoring process is being developed, which will be linked to the emerging Payment by Results criteria and existing local priorities. The new requirements will be clearly outlined in the application process so that agencies who bid are aware in advance of the data collation and collection required.
- 3.17 Agencies will be required to complete an application comprised of two parts; the first listing all the agency's details, and the second specific to the service/activity proposal. This means agencies wishing to bid for more than one service/activity will only complete Part 1 once and as many Part 2 sections as they choose to bid for.
- 3.18 Meetings have been arranged with Corporate Procurement and Legal to ensure that the process e.g. the selection criteria and contract, meet existing good practice within the local authority. The bids will be scrutinised by a Selection Panel using agreed criteria approved by Corporate Procurement. The Panel will comprise of a range of staff drawn from the local authority and relevant partner agencies. Conflicts of Interest will be declared by all parties and a procedure will be in place to ensure selection remains fair.

- 3.19 The total available budget for commissioning under the revised commissioning process outline above for the period to March 2012 is £550,000. The total Children and Family Centre budget for 2012/13 will be reduced in order to meet previously agreed savings of £2.8m subject to the outcome of the consultation. It is therefore not appropriate to suggest a figure for 2012/13 for commissioning services at this stage as that would be pre-empting the outcome of the consultation.
- 3.20 In order to achieve the commissioning of appropriate services and activities by 3 October 2011 to meet statutory requirements it is proposed to advertise the process in late July/early August with a closing date of 24 August 2011. A provisional date for the Panel has been identified for 31 August so that successful agencies can be notified in early September 2011. This timeframe aims to support partner agencies by providing them with as much notice as possible of the outcome. Any extensions for 2012/13 will be sought in January 2012 in line with the implementation of the outcome of the consultation.
- 3.21 A full timetable is provided at **Appendix 7**.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The development of Children and Family Centres contributes to Building a Better Bromley priorities for giving children a good start in life.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 The consultation forms part of the second phase of the restructure of the Children and Families Centres in Bromley. A savings target of £600k has been assumed in 2011/12 and £2,800k in 2012/13.
- 5.3 The full report on the consultation responses and any proposed actions arising from this will be reported in September. The financial implications, savings targets and any risks of funding clawback from DfE will be detailed in the report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Childcare Act 2006 places a general duty on the Council to promote the well-being of children in the area. Initially part of this provision was supplied via Children and Family Centres. When ceasing to use any provision the Council must have regard to the published statutory guidance on Children and Family Centres.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no personnel implications at this time. However, Human Resources will support officers with managing the future personnel implications arising from the consultation on the future of children and family centres in Bromley.

Non-Applicable Sections:	N/A
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	

Children & Families Centres Capital		Children & Families Centres Premises															
		M ² of premises	No. rooms (excl toilets)	Training Room	Softplay / Multisensory	Consult Room	Staff Room	Crèche	Reception	Garden	Activity Space	Work Room	Community / Kitchen	Nursery	ICT / Art / Music Room	Hall	
Phase 1 & 2		Overall															
Total £																	
	James Dixon	375,000	209	7	x 2		x 1										
	Blenheim	700,000	729	12	x 2		x 2			x 1			x 1			x 1	
	Biggin Hill	350,000	204	6	x 1		x 1										
	Burnt Ash	475,000	214	6	x 1		x 1										
	Elmers End	375,000	343	5	x 2		x 1										
	Manor Oak	575,000	263	8	x 1		x 1										
	Royston	400,000	167	5	x 1		x 1										
	Princes Plain	650,000	589	10	x 1		x 1										
	Churchfields	300,000	141	5	x 1		x 1										
	Castlecombe	425,000	245	5	x 1			x 1									
	Mottingham	300,000	196	4	x 1		x 1		x 1								
	Cotmandene CC	400,000	175	12	x 1		x 1										
	Darrick Wood	80,000	43	variou s	x 1												
	Widmore	200,000	63	2			x 1										
<i>Subtotal for Sure Start Capital funding</i>		5,605,000															
	Poverest (centrally funded)	265,000	121	2	x 1											x 1	
	Community Vision (centrally funded)	1,195,700	1057	24	x 2		x 3										
Total		6,968,600	4759	113	19	0	16	1	16	1	1	0	1	4	2	0	2
Phase 3		£															
	Hawes Down	339,026	1701*	20**	x 1	x 2	x 3			x 1							x 1
	Bromley Town	40,000															
	Chislehurst Central	10,000															
	Highway	669,338	245	5	x 1		x 1			x 1							
	Blenheim	190,000															
	Community Vision	150,000															
<i>Subtotal for Sure Start Capital funding</i>		1,398,364															
	Hawes Down (other funding streams)	1,072,470															
	Highway (other funding streams)	3,690,725															
Total		6,161,559	1946	25	2	2	4	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	3	1
Grand Total		13,130,159	6705	138	21	2	20	1	18	3	2	1	2	5	2	3	3

** 4 rooms are for CFC use only, the balance are shared with SSDS and/or Youth and/or the School

SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATION STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Children and Family Centre	Date of Consultation	Number Attended	Stake Holders
Elmers End	16.05.11	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxleas Bromley Health Visitor Team Leader and manager Caterpillar Music Marian Vian Sch Family Worker Cllr Fookes Health Improvement Service Pre School Leader Blossom Years Pre School Children's Social Care Commissioning
Community Vision	19.05.11	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bromley Welcare Community Vision Nursery staff Health Visitor Amicus Horizon Housing
Blenheim	20.05.11	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist Support and Disability Service / Joint Disability Service Blossom Years Pre School Nightingale Unit staff Blenheim CFC Nursery Manager
Widmore	23.05.11	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Education SunnyField Day Nursery
Biggin Hill	24.05.11	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biggin Hill Residents Assoc (Chair) Little Oaks Pre school staff Library Service Youth Professional Cllr Bennington School Nurses Area SENCO Health Visitors Breastfeeding Support Team Cudham CE Primary School, Acting Head Teacher & Family Worker St John's Ambulance
Poverest	26.05.11	0	-
James Dixon	02.06.11	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of School Provider GFS Platform Penge Manager Head Teacher, James Dixon Chair of Governors, James Dixon Child Minder outreach worker LBB Domestic Abuse Coordinator Cllr Fookes Children's Social Care Family Support workers
Cotmandene	03.06.11	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Aid Coordinator Child Minder Outreach Coordinator
Burnt Ash	06.06.11	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Teacher, Burnt Ash Sch Brook Lane Community Church The Links Medical Practice Bromley Adult Education Ready Steady Pre Sch Bromley PCT Bromley Women's Aid St Andrews Church
Churchfields	09.06.11	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Fookes Pre School Provider
Royston	09.06.11	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Fookes Deputy Manager for LBB 'West' Library Primary Behaviour Service Manager
Castlecombe	10.06.11	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Teacher, Castlecombe School Specialist Support Service Crèche Workers Bromley Adult Education Bromley Parent Partnership Service Bromley Women's Aid Health Visitor Team Leader Cllr C Rideout
Mottingham	10.06.11	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bromley Adult Education Family Worker Head Teacher Parent Voice Affinity Sutton Early Years Childminding Out Reach
Manor Oak	13.06.11	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Governors of Manor Oak Head Teacher Manor Oak Sch Bromley Healthcare Srvs SENCO Manor Oak Sch Midwifery Service Home Start
Princes Plain	14.06.11	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Teacher, Princes Plain Primary School EY Deputy Head, Princes Plain Primary School Health Visitor

**The Future of Children and Family Centres in Bromley
Questionnaire 1**

Name:

Please state whether you are an employee, a partner or a parent.

Do you agree that we should continue to fund Children and Family Centres in the areas of greatest deprivation?

Comments

Do you agree that these centres could act as service hubs for an area of the borough?

Comments

Do you agree that we should provide a service for disabled children and their families through a children and family centre?

Comments

Which centres should we continue to fund?

Comments

Which services delivered through Children and Family Centres should we continue to provide?

Comments

Where we cease to fully fund centres it may be feasible for building to continue to be used by services. How could this be organised and funded?

Comments

Please make any further comments below/overleaf and return it by 17 June 2011, to:



post to Val Haskey, CYP Secretariat (Rm E47), Civic Centre, LB Bromley,
Stockwell Close, Bromley BR1 3UH

or



e-mail to c&fconsultation@bromley.gov.uk

**The Future of Children and Family Centres in Bromley
Questionnaire 2**

Name:			
Contact details:			
Are you...	an employee	a partner	a parent

Which Children & Family Centre(s) are you responding about on this questionnaire					
Biggin Hill	Blenheim	Burnt Ash	Castlecombe	Churchfields	Community Vision
Cotmandene	Griffins	Elmers End	James Dixon	Manor Oak	Mottingham
Poverest	Princes Plain	Royston	Widmore		

If we cease to fully fund any of these Children and Family Centres it may be feasible for the building to continue to be used by services to deliver support to parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years in the reach area for this site. Your views will help us to decide the future of these sites

**Should any of the centres continue to operate as a full Children and Family Centre?
IF YES, which ones and why?**

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IF NO, which ones, and what alternative suggestions would you make for the use of those particular sites?

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Would you / your service be interested in renting/ letting space within any centre or taking on the running of one of the sites to support parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years old within the reach area for the site(s) concerned?

Please provide an outline of your ideas and describe how you would fund delivery.

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Please make any further comments overleaf.

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
Please return to a member of LBB staff at the consultation event.*

**The Future of Children and Family Centres in Bromley Consultation
In xxx CFC**

Parents' Questionnaire

Name:			
Number of children you have	Under 5years		Over 5years

Do you agree that the Local Authority should continue to run Children and Family Centres	YES	NO
Why?		



Have you used any Children and Family Centres in Bromley?					YES	NO
Which ones? Please circle						
Biggin Hill	Blenheim	Burnt Ash	Castlecombe	Churchfields	Community Vision	
Cotmandene	Griffins	Elmers End	James Dixon	Manor Oak	Mottingham	
Poverest	Princes Plain	Royston	Widmore			
How often do you visit the Children and Family Centre?	more than 2 visits a week	One visit a week	One visit a month	Not yet visited		
Do you need the crèche to take part in activities?	Always	Sometimes	Never	Not yet used but will need		

What have you found useful?

What did you not find useful?

What would you like more ... or what new things would you be interested in?

Please make any further comments below/overleaf and return it by 17 June 2011, to:

or  post to Surma Shah, Bromley Children Project, 3rd Floor, High Street, Bromley, BR1 1EX
or  e-mail to surma.shah@bromley.gov.uk

EMERGING STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

James Dixon Children and Family Centre

- CFC site hosts Breakfast and After school club, ESOL, GFS, Health Services and play sessions. All very important to creating a 'community'.
- It is a very important centre for many families who use it as an essential support base. There are many courses and opportunities which families take up.
- The school would like to work in partnership to keep the centre operating.
- The CFC enables facilitated Child Minder Drop In sessions. Sessions are vital for supporting local Child Minders and enable their children to interact with their peers, which enables the achievement of the Every Child Matters agenda.

Castlecombe Children and Family Centre

- Castlecombe could extend nursery provision at adjoining school, if it can't remain as a CFC.
- The CFC is sited in an area of deprivation therefore very much needed.
- The high track record of usage of the CFC reflects the local need for the CFC.
- The CFC is in an ideal geographical location.
- Single mothers on benefits will not have to travel far to access services.

Blenheim Children and Family Centre

- CFC is situated in an area where needs for support has been identified.
- Joint Disability Services use the site for a monthly 'Support Group' for parents and carers This support should continue and be further enhanced to encourage the groups of people who need this critical family support.
- In addition to the 3 CFC being proposed, additional centres like Princes Plain, Biggin Hill and one in Mottingham should continue since they are in areas of great need.
- Extend centres to weekend and evening use and hiring of space by families.

Biggin Hill Children and Family Centre

- Geographically Biggin Hill is an isolated area and relies heavily on the good work going on in the CFC in supporting vulnerable parents and children.
- Families that need support cannot travel to Blenheim or Community Vision and therefore will not access early intervention services. If left unsupported they will cost the borough significant more since they will need more intensive services.
- Biggin Hill CFC is a preventative measure and well used and appreciated by parents and the community.
- New streams of funding, i.e. lettings should be considered.
- The site already has a pre school which would be happy to pay rent for 5 mornings a week and for 38 weeks.
- Cost of travelling to other centre will exclude many families from accessing CFC in other parts of the borough.
- Local communities could possibly take on the running of the centre, which could have charity status to cover day to day cost maintenance, caretaking, rates etc. but in partnership with the local authority.
- The quantity of proposed closures should have been a phased over a couple of years.

Elmers End Children and Family Centre

- The CFC are well used and make a substantial contribution to the local community.
- Children Social Care are looking for suitable premises in the Penge area to run a Family Centre where contact, parenting assessments and parent support groups can take place. Elmers End Centre would appear to be a suitable venue.
- Joint enterprise with other CYP departments and external funding organisations e.g. Bromley Healthcare.
- Many vulnerable families have been referred to the CFC e.g. counselling.
- The CFC is vital in supporting vulnerable families suffering Domestic Violence, drug misuse and parenting problems.
- CFC have brought about huge improvements in services for families in Bromley.
- All CFCs have facilitated joined up working between agencies in an unprecedented way. Bromley Borough does not have alternative community space to deliver services for families if these are all closed.
- Evidence shows that prevention services saves money in the long term and reduces parent and child hardship.
- Community based services and one to one support is necessary.

Poverest Children and Family Centre

- Coksie Breakfast and After School Club are looking at expanding in this area - we already run clubs in the borough. Discussions have taken place with Poverest Primary School Head Teacher to have a club or nursery at the school but since Coksie already run a club from the CFC it would be ideal to expand fully into the CFC.

Burnt Ash Children and Family Centre

- The CFC is ideally located in an area of deprivation and provides vital services to parents and children in the community, particularly since it is so close to Lewisham. Can Lewisham share the costs of the CFC?
- Elected members need to appreciate the cost savings that can be gained through early intervention services like the ones provided through the CFC.
- The CFC can play a part in the Big Society agenda since community groups may eventually be able to run the centre by gaining rental income but the LA will need to provide a budget.
- It is vital to keep the CFC since other cuts, like the strong possibility of the closure of Burnt Ash Library, will leave the area with no services for Children and Families. Also, the possibility of the CFC hosting a library corner for parents should be considered.

Royston Children and Family Centre

- The Primary Behaviour Service are looking for a second nurture group setting to cover the Penge area. This would be an ideal location since very young children, aged 4 to 7, would not have to be put in a taxi and undertake a long journey to access the nurture unit at Manor Oak in the Orpington area. There is a need for this type of service and the School are supportive of having a nurture unit on their site.

Cotmandene Children and Family Centre

- Since Hawes Down CFC has a strong focus on services for disabled children a different budget stream should be used to fund this so more centres can be funded from the CFC budget.
- Parents will not travel to Blenheim – it is too far.

Manor Oak Children and Family Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manor Oak school have paid for and use two rooms in the CFC and would be interested in exploring the use of the whole CFC to run their own pre school provision for 2yrs+. The school would like information on current running cost, utilities etc.
Community Vision Children and Family Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a genuine potential, via the consultation, to increase the number of CFC from 3, in order to have one in all the key areas of disadvantage? Can small businesses e.g. catering companies to hire the centre at weekends or evenings. An outreach service is essential in supporting the work of the CFC.
Widmore Children and Family Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CFC space used be the entrance to the day nursery and is too small to be an effective CFC or alternative use for another business. The space could provide an extension to the day nursery by using it only for crèche and sessional care so the main nursery can provide all year round full day care, which will make it a more robust business model. The college may not have funds take on the CFC costs.
Churchfields Children and Family Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the CFC is on a school site it should be used as classroom space as Churchfields is required to expand its provision due to projected imminent 'bulge' in population for next year.
Princes Plain Children and Family Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'If funding is not forthcoming the school aim to maintain the centre themselves which will have an enormous impact on the school's resources but they believe it is worth it!'
Mottingham Children and Family Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an area of high deprivation and support for families is essential.

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS FROM 96 RESPONSES (SO FAR... 10TH JUNE 2011):

Do you agree that we should continue to fund Children and Family Centres in the areas of greatest deprivation?

Comments

82 ... Yes responses saying:

- 2 CFC are too few to make it accessible for many parents/carers to access early intervention services.
- There are vulnerable families in all areas. Universal, accessible services offered to all families from local CFC are invaluable in preventing problems from escalating.
- Biggin Hill needs a CFC due to it's isolated nature.

4 ... No responses which state that CFC should be in deprived areas but additional CFC are needed, which are spread out across the borough since families with the greatest need do not have the money to pay for buses or are able to make long and difficult journeys with young children.

Do you agree that these centres could act as service hubs for an area of the borough?

Comments

86 ... Yes responses. Comments include:

- As many services as possible to provide community Children specific services.
- Yes it is crucial to have service hubs.
- They should be a one stop shop of services for children and parents.
- The remaining CFC should be well funded to ensure sufficient services are available to properly help families.
- CFC should be kept and space rented by other services.

Do you agree that we should provide a service for disabled children and their families through a children and family centre?

Comments

Mixed responses.

Many said yes but not at the expense of other CFC closing since disabled children needed support in their local areas. Also it will be difficult for parents with disabled children from different geographical areas to access one centre in West Wickham, especially in terms of finding transport, so all centres should be inclusive, local and accessible.

Which centres should we continue to fund?

Comments

- Biggin Hill, Community Vision, Blenheim, Castlecombe/ Mottingham, Princes Plain, Cotmandene, Burnt Ash, Elmers End, James Dixon ~ one in each area of deprivation.
- Bromley is a large geographical borough so the reduction is too drastic. Children and families need services that are local and accessible.
- All of them since there needs to be a local CFC.
- The ones that have proven via statistics to be successful and meeting the needs of the community.
- Emphasis on Biggin Hill, Penge and Crays due to there distance from central Bromley.

Which services delivered through Children and Family Centres should we continue to provide?

Comments

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| ▪ Parenting Courses | ▪ SALT (Speech And Language Therapy) |
| ▪ Family Support, including outreach | ▪ Activities which have proven to be successful |
| ▪ Health Services e.g midwifery, baby health clinics | ▪ Cookery classes |
| ▪ Training to support parents/carers to go back into work, training or education | ▪ CAMHS out reach |
| ▪ Children's play sessions e.g. Together we Play | ▪ Skills for life classes |
| ▪ ESOL | ▪ First Aid |
| | ▪ Child Health and Well Being |
| | ▪ Counselling (1:1) |

Where we cease to fully fund centres it may be feasible for building to continue to be used by services. How could this be organised and funded?

Comments

- Social Care Family Centre at Elmers End CFC.
- Where a CFC is on school grounds, then where appropriate, to use as classrooms?
- Dual use i.e. CFC and rent out rooms for birthday parties ,clubs, Brownies, play schemes during holidays.
- Open centres at the weekends and evenings.
- Parents to pay a small charge for services where they can afford it.
- Schools to use some of their pupil premiums if they want a CFC to remain.
- Local Communities could take over the running of CFC but only in partnership with the local authority and with funding.
- Obtain a charitable status so funding can be gained via bids.
- Coksie After School Club to run a pre school/nursery from Poverest CFC.
- Primary Behaviour Service to run a Nurture Centre from Royston CFC.

PARENT CONSULTATION RESPONSES @ 10 JUNE 2011

Children and Family Centre	Date of Parent Consultation Meeting	Parent Responses
Elmers End	9 June 2011	46
Community Vision	16 June 2011	19
Blenheim	13 June 2011	40
Widmore	15 June 2011	12
Biggin Hill	16 June 2011	29
Poverest	13 June 2011	14
James Dixon	3 June 2011	75
Cotmandene	15 June 2011	19
Burnt Ash	9 June 2011	37
Churchfields	13 June 2011	6
Royston	15 June 2011	30
Castlecombe	15 June 2011	216
Mottingham	15 June 2011	7
Manor Oak	16 June 2011	3
Princes Plain	14 June 2011	23

TIMETABLE IN RELATION TO CONSULTATION ON THE REDUCTION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CENTRES AND REVISED COMMISSIONING PROCESS

2006 – 2010	A number of reports approved by CYP Portfolio Holder giving approval to create 23 Children and Family Centres over 3 phases
2010 – 2011	CYP PDS discussion and CYP PH decision taken to reduce phase 3 from 7 to 2 Children and Family Centres to enable a saving of £600K in 2011/12.
2010 – 2011	CYP PDS discussion and CYP PH decision taken to consult on a further reduction of Children and Family Centres from 18 to 3 to enable a saving of £2800K in 2012/13
22 February 2011	CYP PDS received a report on the outcomes of the initial consultation on the budget saving options for CYP for 2011/12 and 2012/13. Report included proposal to go out to wider consultation on proposed reduction in number of Children and Family Centres funded by the council
01 April 2011	Consultation began. Partner agencies sent initial Consultation Paper which included Questionnaire 1 (see Appendix 2)
16 May 2011 to 14 June 2011	Consultation meetings held at each individual Children and Family Centre, one for partner agencies (when Questionnaire 2 was circulated) and one for parents (when Questionnaire for Parents was circulated (see Appendix 2 for examples of all questionnaires used)).
17 June 2011	Consultation formally closed
14 July 2011	CYP PDS discussion on Interim Report on Emerging Findings in advance of full report on consultation on proposed reduction in number of Children and Family Centres funded by the council and outline of revised commissioning process
July 2011	Meetings with Corporate Procurement and Legal to finalise revised Commissioning Process
July 2011	Advert placed to invite agencies to bid to deliver services/activities
August 2011	Full Report on Outcomes of Consultation on proposed reduction in number of Children and Family Centres funded by the council to CYP SMT
24 August 2011	Closing date for all applications under revised Commissioning Process
31 August 2011	Commissioning Panel Day
September 2011	Agencies notified of the outcome of Commissioning Process and contracts issued.
06 September 2011	CYP PDS discussion on Full Report on Outcomes of Consultation on proposed reduction in number of Children and Family Centres funded by the council and CYP PH decision on future number and type of Children and Family Centres in Bromley
15 September 2011	CYP PH decision made public (subject to call over)
September 2011	Contracts drawn up, agreed with legal and signed by successful agencies
Late September 2011	Draft outline of action to implement CYP PH decision on Outcomes of Consultation on proposed reduction in number of Children and Family Centres funded by the council
03 October 2011	Commissioned services begin deliver under revised commissioning process
October 2011 to March 2012	Implement actions required following CYP PH Decision of 6 September 2011 undertaking all necessary consultations on staffing and/or premises restructures.
January 2012	Complete required Extensions of Contracts for commissioned services as required
31 March 2012	Full implementation of CYP PH decision of 6 September 2011 completed