

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Children and Young Peoples Select Committee
Date:	19 July 2011
Title:	Reporting on the progress of the restructuring of the Children's Centre Service
Reference:	
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to propose areas for reporting on the progress of the changes to children's centre services within Hampshire.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. This report follows a recommendation that "a project progress report is provided to the select committee following the first year of implementation of the decision". This recommendation was made at a 'call in' meeting on 14 June 2011 relating to the decision made by the Executive Lead Member of Children's Services regarding the future of children's centres on 27 May 2011.

3. Reporting format

- 3.1. It is proposed that an interim report is circulated to Select Committee in October 2011 and then a further report is presented in February 2012 regarding the progress of the procurement process and the management of the transition to the new arrangements. Following six months of operation, an October 2012 report can include information on any changes to the range of activities delivered; staffing levels; the management arrangements for each cluster and the operational pattern of the children's centre clusters and mergers.
- 3.2. It is also proposed that in May 2013, the committee receive a further report covering the first full year of operation of the new arrangements. The report will describe the range of services offered by centres, the impact of the implementation of charging policy, and changes to staffing levels and confirm community engagement with the project (including the LCP/schools).

The report will incorporate performance data, including data describing outcomes for children and Ofsted judgements for each centre.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1. This report proposes areas for reporting on the progress of the children's centre project and suggests that reports are presented to the select committee in February 2012, September 2012 and May 2013.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Securing the Future of Hampshire's Children's Centres	<u>Reference</u> 2635	<u>Date</u> 27 May 2011
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> Childcare Act Apprenticeship Skills Children and Learning Act		<u>Date</u> 2006 2009

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. Equalities were considered when developing the proposal under consultation and no adverse impact was identified. The impact assessment concluded that the proposals were likely to benefit all target groups, as the proposals suggested that reach areas remained smaller where levels of deprivation were higher and that service should be proportionate to need and contribute towards closing the outcomes gap.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. Children's centres are part of an Early Intervention Programme which may prevent crime and disorder in the longer term.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Under the consultation proposals it is possible that some additional travelling incurred as a result of changes to the notional catchment areas, however, it is believed that the impact is likely to be minimal.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No specific measures have been identified.

Appendix 1

Proposed areas for reporting on the progress of the changes to children's centres in Hampshire

- latest information about the **procurement process** and contract management
- **feedback from staff** consultations/support events
- update on the **staffing establishment** (including the voluntary redundancy and deployment position)
- **financial updates**
- a summary of **service delivery** developments (including buildings, resources, initiatives and the implementation of the charging framework)
- details about dialogue with **stakeholders and partnership arrangements**
- **performance data**