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MEETING
CHILDREN, EDUCATION & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME
WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE, 2018
AT 7.00 PM
VENUE
HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed the responses to the Public Questions.

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Q.	Agenda Item	Raised by	Question Raised	Answer
1	10	Ms Tirza Waisel	The report mentions a lot of staff in a variety of different services coming together to provide a more seamless service. How many staff currently work in the service and how many will be in the new structure?	The business model that has been piloted suggests 106 potentially reducing to 92 depending on consultation with affected staff.
2	10	Ms Tirza Waisel	How many staff will be expected to work with a different age group of children than they currently work with?	The proposed model brings together staff across Early Help services to be co-located and work in an integrated way. Most staff work already across age ranges, those who deliver in Early Years and Targeted Youth Support will continue to do so as part of the integrated team. We expect staff to co-work and share skills and experience which along with training and support will over time develop a holistic workforce in the 0-19 hubs
3	10	Ms Tirza Waisel	Which providers have been approached to offer positive activities currently provided by the existing Youth Service?	As part of the business model we have not approached providers. There are over 100 voluntary sector providers and we will work with umbrella organisations such as Interlink, Young Barnet Foundation and Community Barnet
4	10	Ms Tirza Waisel	Children's Centres will be open to young people and the Centres now used by young people will be opened up to very young children. How has it been established that there is sufficient space for all these activities to take place?	As part of the business model we are looking at how we can have best use of buildings in order for families to access services and activities locally. This does not necessarily mean younger and older children accessing at the same time. An example would be that children's centres are often not utilised in the evenings or at weekends and as such activities for other age groups could be accessed at this time. We are also working closely with schools in order to identify where we may be able to deliver a range of activities both in and outside of school hours.

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5	10	Ms Tirza Waisel	Some current services such as the Alternative Education Service will have to bring in more money. What work has been done to ascertain that schools or parents have sufficient funds to contribute more?	The Alternative Education Service is currently being delivered at a loss to the local authority. Parents do not contribute to this cost and will not be expected to. We understand that schools are under financial pressure but they are expected to fund alternative education provision; we will continue to work with schools to explore the most cost-effective options for excluded to children.
6	10	Ms Tirza Waisel	Where does the reduction in Children's Centre Budget of £451,316 come from? Exactly how will this proposal achieve this?	As part of the business model moving further toward a 0-19 locality basis the reduction relates to budgets devolved to schools to deliver school led children's centres. There are six schools and the saving will equate to approx. £75k per school. They will need to decide across their localities how these savings will be achieved