
Meeting	Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	2 July 2012
Subject	Children's Centres – Update on Public Consultation
Report of	Deputy Director, Children's Service
Summary	This presentation provides an update on the public consultation on the funding allocation of Children's Centres.
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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	All
Enclosures	Appendix A: Report submitted to the Cabinet Resources Committee 24 February 2012 Appendix B: Presentation
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable

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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the public consultation on proposed changes to the financial allocations for Barnet Children’s Centres as set out in the report to Cabinet Resources Committee on 28 February 2012 (Appendix A) and the presentation (set out in Appendix B).**
- 1.2 That the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee makes comments/ recommendations in respect of the public consultation on proposed changes to the Children’s Centre funding allocation to the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Cabinet 14 February 2011, Decision item 5C: Proposed reduction and redesign of children’s centres and related services in Barnet. This decision reduced the number of Children’s Centres from 21 to a network of 13 Children’s Centres with outreach venues, following consultation.
- 2.2 Cabinet Resources Committee, 28 February 2012, Decision item 24 the Cabinet Resources Committee resolved that relevant stakeholders, including the public, be consulted on the proposed changes to the formula used for Children’s Centres funding allocations.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

7. LEGAL ISSUES

As set out in Agenda Item 24 in the report to Cabinet Resources Committee on 28 February 2012

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 8.1 The scope of Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the constitution; the Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the constitution).

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 The presentation provides an update on the progress of the public consultation. The presentation as set out in appendix B is intended to enable Members to comment on current progress in the development of the funding formula for Children’s Centres.
- 9.2 The Committee are asked to comment and make recommendations in respect of the information provided at the meeting.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

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