
Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny
Date: 29 November 2011
Subject: Children Centres; Delivery in Central Bedfordshire.
Report of: Cllr Mark Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services.
Summary: Attached at Appendix A is a draft Executive Report on the reconfiguration of Children Centres. The Committee is asked to note the content and make comment on the report. The new contracts for Children Centres will be awarded from April 2012.

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Public/Exempt: Public.
Wards Affected: All.
Function of: Council.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The Report supports Priority 2 of Central Bedfordshire's Strategic Plan 2009-2011, Educating, Protecting and Providing Opportunities for Children and Young People and the Children and Young People's Plan Priority; Reducing child poverty and the effects for those living in poverty and improving early intervention and prevention.

Financial:

This is laid out in the Executive paper.

These proposals will not increase costs for the Council.

Legal:

The legal framework is set in the draft report.

Risk Management:

Risk Management is set out in the report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None for the Council.

Equalities/Human Rights:

Adherence to Human Rights and Equality issues is maintained.

Community Safety:

There are no new community safety issues arising from the Report.

Sustainability:

If the Early Intervention Grant is not extended beyond 2013 the Council will need to review the funding source for Children's Centres. This will require a review of the provision.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. The Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the content of the report and make comment.**

Appendices:

Appendix A – Executive Report – Children Centres; Delivery in Central Bedfordshire