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Dear Councillor

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING) - TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 2017

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and now enclose the following presentation which was unavailable when the agenda was published.

Agenda No.	Item
4.	The Development of Family Wellbeing Centres (Pages 3 - 12) Report of the Director of Social Care and Health

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Regulation and Compliance

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Family Wellbeing Service

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5 December 2017

Director of Social Care and Health

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ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

- Engagement and consultation panel
- Overview and scrutiny committee
- Over 1600 questionnaires returned
- 15 Public consultation events held alongside meetings with Governors and HT, including SEND parent carers
- Website continuously updated and social media use including capturing comments
- Use of children and family centres and encouraged to complete questionnaires
- Radio

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSALS ?

- Introduce a 0-19 offer
- Sustain and expand outreach
- Address duplication on early years/help by transferring this to Children centres
- Introduce 3 Family and Well Being Centres; Talbot, Waterloo Primary and Netherton (which is already a co-located Family and Children Centre)
- Provide 9 complimentary bases
- Re-locate Seaforth Family and Children centre building



PUBLIC RESPONSE AND KEY CONSULTATION THEMES

- Anxious about closures with some focus on the North of the Borough as well as Seaforth
- “Done deals” and communities within communities
- Transport – accessibility buses, buggies and parking
- Support for disability/BME and families from around the World and barriers
- Significant locality opposition to Talbot Street and Waterloo
- 80% agree with key principles but 63% against 3 Family and Well Being centres and complimentary bases
- GPs and health are very keen to work together to establish Health and Wellbeing Centres
- Some Centres who weren’t proposed for Family and Wellbeing Centres suggested that they become a Family and Wellbeing Centre



You said...we listened – revised proposals

- Children Centres to support 0-19, early years, sustain and expand outreach and provide all early help services to avoid duplication; and introduce new funding methodology.
- keep Seaforth where it is
- Stage 2 would develop Health and Wellbeing services within the next 2 years



MONEY

- £169 million saved since 2011 and a further £64 million to save by 2020
- This proposal will save Circa £1.5M
- Funding methodology which ensures equity and transparency and considers
 - the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI), which is also used locally to allocate some school funding
 - inequalities in particular disability, migrants (English as a Second Language), travellers
 - reach footprints
 - the number of new births
 - an indication of the percentage of children in an area requiring social care support
 - case weighting for children in need and looked after children
 - a minimum funding protection factor that ensures no centre will see a reduction in funding by more than 31% of its historical funding.



PRACTICALITIES

- Locality working – alterations to reach areas
- Managing the new offer
- A commissioned model?
- Alignment with Council Locality Model



NEXT STEPS

- Cabinet decision 7th December
- Meet all Head Teachers to discuss Council decision and develop revised specification within context of the new funding formulae
- Meet Trade Unions and staff and keep them informed
- Staff and customer focus groups to input into design of service offer
- Keep Public and Overview and scrutiny informed
- Implement full plans in Spring/Summer 2018



Any questions or thoughts



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