

Appendix A

Terms of Reference

- a. To ensure a sustainable network of Children Centre services within the context of available resources.
- b. To determine future sufficiency for early years provision.
- c. To develop a funding model that meets emerging national priorities.
- d. To explore the potential for cost efficiencies.
- e. To determine the future early years offer reflecting national guidance and local priorities.
- f. To foster and strengthen partnership, particularly in relation to health, in future networks with a focus on early intervention and prevention approach.
- g. To deliver services in accordance with Equality Act 2010 and subsequent equality legislation.
- h. To consider extending the age remit of the network of Children's Centre services to 0 – 11.
- i. To explore models of governance and delivery in line with Ofsted recommendations.
- j. To demonstrate Value for Money in relation to future proposals.

In drawing together the proposed membership of the Review Board, the range of key stakeholders within the development of Children Centre provision have been included. It is intended, if approved, to seek nominations from the respective organisations and to ensure no member of the Review Group has a specific interest in any existing provision. The Review Group would meet on a monthly basis during the term of the review and an outline timescale is set out below.

Proposed Membership of Review Board

Cabinet Member Children's Services (Chair)
2 Lead Spokepersons Children's Services
NHS Sefton representative
Sefton Council of Voluntary Service representative
Sefton Association of Primary Headteachers representative
3 Parent representatives (nominated by each of three Area Fora)

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Outline Timescale

Mid March 2011 –Inaugural meeting

- Context & principles
- Sefton Children Centre Model

April 2011 -Review Process Stage 1

- Data & quality performance
- Future core purpose
- Formula Funding

May 2011 – Review Process stage 2

- Community needs and expectations
- Strengthening partnerships
- Scoping future models

June 2011 – Review Process Stage 3

- Final review reports
- Approve Consultation and Communication Plan

July – November 2011 – Statutory consultation process

December - Commence Implementation Plan

In order to inform the review and to provide a basis for consultation and communication it is proposed to set up three Review Reference Groups and these are outlined below. It is intended that these meet every 2 months to ensure appropriate engagement and ownership of the review process.

Outline Review

Initially the Review Board will focus on the current context as well as demographics and funding issues impacting on Sefton's network of Children's Centres, including

- Centre Footfall
- Funding profiles
- Formula Funding
- Children's Centres Offer (s)
- Health partnership

Review Reference Groups

- Parents
- Centre Managers and Headteachers
- Diagonal Slice Staff Group