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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES) – 22 NOVEMBER 2011

32 - CONSULTATION ON RECONFIGURING SEFTON'S CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Further to Minute No. 24 (3) of 27th September 2011, the Committee considered the consultation arrangements that had taken place on the reconfiguration of Sefton's Children's Centres. A document produced by the Children, Schools and Families Directorate, providing feedback on the consultation carried out on the proposed changes, was tabled at the Committee meeting, which had been presented to the Children's Centre Review Board at its meeting on 16th November 2011.

The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Early Intervention and Prevention Services on the consultation carried out between 1 August and 31 October 2011. The presentation outlined:-

- Methods of consultation;
- The consultation groups included;
- How many people had been consulted;
- The demographic breakdown of respondents;
- Findings;
- Views and analysis on current services deemed to be essential;
- Suggestions on services not currently offered;
- Services that could be increased;
- Views on charging for non-essential services;
- General comments;
- Areas to consider when merging Centres;
- Comments by area, from north/mid/south of Borough;
- Comments from Health Partners consulted;
- Alternative Proposals;
- Recommendations of the Children's Centre Review Board.

This item was a Key Decision and would be considered by the Cabinet on 8 December 2011.

Members requested further information to be reported to the next meeting on 24 January 2012, purely for information purposes.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet be advised that this Committee:-

- (1) welcomes the document produced on the consultation;**
- (2) finds the recommendations from the Children's Centre Review Board to be acceptable;**

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- (3) is satisfied with the consultation process which has taken place;**
- (4) places on record its thanks and appreciation for the input provided by the Review Board and also the parents who participated in the process on this matter.**