



Report of the Acting Chief Officer for Early Years and Integrated Youth Support Service to Executive Board

Date: January 14th 2009

Subject: Update on the Phase 3 Children's Centre Programme

Electoral Wards Affected:

Roundhay, Wetherby, Harewood
Crossgates and Whinmoor, Temple
Newsam, Garforth and Swillington,
Kippax and Methley, Guiseley and
Rawdon, Calverley and Farsley

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In
(Details contained in the report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The third and final phase of the Children's Centre Programme will be delivered between 2008 -11. Leeds has been allocated £3.6 million over three years to build at least nine children's centres in more advantaged areas and localities not 'reached' by the 49 centres constructed, by August 2008, in phase 1 and 2 of the programme.

A report to Executive Board in May 2008 identified a number of potential locations for phase three sites which were still subject to consultation. Executive Board approved the recommendation to build ten centres.

This report provides Executive Board with the final outcomes of detailed work and consultation on the location of the phase three children's centres in Leeds. It provides a preface to the Design and Cost for Boston Spa Children's Centre and others that will follow during 2009. It notes again the likely phasing of the ten centres.

1. Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- update Executive Board on the proposed locations for the phase three children's centres to be built between 2008 and April 2010
- seek approval to progress the programme on the proposed sites.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The statutory guidance for the planning and delivery of the phase 3 children's centres programme was issued by the DCSF in the summer of 2007. Leeds have been allocated £3.6 million over three years to build at least nine children's centres. Copies of the DCSF guidance document are available on the DCSF website at www.surestart.gov.uk/publications reference 00665-2007BKT-EN or in hard copy from the Early Years Service.
- 2.2 A report to Executive Board in May 2008 identified a number of potential sites for phase three children's centres. The Chief Officer for Early Years and Integrated Youth Support Services undertook to provide a further report to Executive Board on the outcome of the consultation process. This report provides details of the proposed location of nine centres.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 The Executive Board report of May 2008 identified the following localities not reached by an existing children's centre and the number of children within those localities. Based upon this information Executive Board accepted the recommendation to develop ten children's centres in the following nine localities: Roundhay (2 sites), Boston Spa and Villages South, Wetherby and Villages West, Cross Gates and Manston, Colton and Halton, Garforth, Villages East, Guiseley, Calverley and Farsley
- 3.2 In May 2008 it was not possible to provide details of the hub sites for all of the children's centres as consultation was still underway. The following table provides the final outcomes of the consultation for 9 of the 10 centres.

Location	Hub address site	Proposed year of capital works	Proposed year of revenue allocation
Roundhay 1	Moor Allerton Primary School	1	1
Roundhay 2	Gledhow Primary School	2	2
Boston Spa and Villages South	Deepdale Community Centre	1	1
Wetherby and Villages West	still subject to consultation.	2	2
Cross Gates and Manston	Cross Gates Primary School	2	2
Colton and Halton	Templenewsam Halton Primary School	2	2
Garforth	Firthfields Early Years Centre	2	2
Villages East	Great and Little Preston	1	1

Location	Hub address site	Proposed year of capital works	Proposed year of revenue allocation
	Primary School		
Guiseley	Guiseley Infants School	2	2
Calverley and Farsley	Farsley Farfield Primary School	2	2

4.0 Legal And Resource Implications

- 4.1 The local authority has a statutory duty to develop and designate at least a further nine children's centres in those more advantaged areas not currently served by a children's centre. The authority must be confident that services can be accessed by all children aged 0 – 5 and their families in the 59 centres that will have been developed in the city by 2011.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 Executive Board approved the phased development of a further ten children's centres over the next two years in May 2008. Robust data analysis and consultation in localities, including elected members, has resulted in the development of a phase 3 children's centre implementation plan for Leeds to build an additional ten children's centres. This report provides Executive Board with the final outcome of that consultation process and seeks approval for the nine hub sites so identified. It asks Executive Board to note the preferred option for one site still under consultation.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 Executive Board is asked to approve the location of nine of the phase three children's centres and note the preferred option for a tenth site.

Background papers

Executive Board report May 2008: **Phase 3 Children's Centre Programme**

Statutory guidance for the planning and delivery of the phase 3 children's centres programme. www.surestart.gov.uk/publications reference 00665-2007BKT-EN