

BY: Ian Craig, Director - Operations  
TO: John Simmonds, Cabinet Member for Education and School Improvement  
SUBJECT: Children's Centres – Approval to Name Next Nine Sites

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Summary: Request for approval for the naming of the proposed next 9 Round 2 Children's Centres to be sent to the DfES for their approval.

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## Background

1. (1) Following our delivery of 20 Children's Centres in Phase 1 of the Government's programme (conversion of 9 Sure Start Local Programmes, plus 11 additional Centres – Appendix 1), Kent was tasked with delivering 52 new Centres in Phase 2, by September 2008.

(2) Along with most local authorities, capital funding has been an issue, with a total of £9.1m being allocated for the 52 centres, an average of £177k each.

(3) An exercise was carried out in early 2006 with multi agency partners to identify where the 52 Centres should be built, bearing in mind the requirement that at the end of this phase all children in the wards in Kent that fall within the national 30% most deprived should have access to Centres. An additional issue that was to be taken into consideration was that capacity identified as surplus to requirements as a result of the Kent Primary Strategy was to be used wherever possible. An initial list of 64 sites was produced in April/May and feasibility studies carried out on the sites.

## Proposal

2. (1) 29 of the 52 sites have now been agreed and sent to the DfES for approval. A further 9 are now identified below (taking the total to 38). They are:

<u>Site</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Local Members</u>
1. Lawn Primary	Gravesham	Leslie Christie/Raymond Parker
2. Morehall	Shepway	Robert Bliss
3. Grove Park	Swale	Keith Ferrin
4. Homewood	Swale	Brenda Simpson/Roger Truelove
5. Aycliffe	Dover	William Newman/Keith Sansum
6. Birchington	Thanet	Charles Hibberd
7. Bysing Wood	Swale	Thomas Gates
8. Darenth	Dartford	Bertie Bassam
9. East Stour	Ashford	George Koowaree

## **Resource Implications**

3. (1) A budget of £9.1m has been identified to deliver the 52 Centres (£177k each on average) and all these proposals have been costed within that envelope.

## **Recommendation**

4. The Cabinet Member is requested TO AGREE:

(a) Sending the list of 9 sites to the DfES for approval and subsequent building.

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Background Documents:

None.

**Appendix 1****Children's Centre Programme – Round 1**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Cumulative number of Children's Centres for each district</b>	<b>Cluster</b>	<b>KCC Approval</b>	<b>SSU Approval for capital build</b>	<b>State of Build</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Core Offer Status</b>
1	SSLP	Millmead, Margate	Thanet	1		N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 7/04	COS 03/06
2	SSLP	The Village, Folkestone	Shepway	1	Shepway 1	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 7/04	COS 03/06
3	SSLP	St Radigund's, Dover	Dover	1	Dover	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 8/05	COS 03/06
4	SSLP	Temple Hill	Dartford	1	Dartford West	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 8/05	COS 03/06
5	SSLP	The Willows	Ashford	1	Ashford 1	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 9/05	COS 03/06
6	SSLP	Riverside, Gravesend	Gravesham	1	Gravesham	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 11/05	COS 11/05
7	SSLP	Seashells, Sheerness	Swale	1	Swale Urban	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 11/05	COS 11/05
8	SSLP	Riverside, Canterbury	Canterbury	1	Canterbury City and Country	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 3/06	COS 03/06
9	SSLP	Six Bells, Margate	Thanet	2		N/A	Approved	Completed	Awaiting designation	By 03/10
10	Round 1	Aylesham Neighbourhood Project	Dover	2	Deal and Sandwich	N/A	N/A	N/A	Designated 7/05	COS 03/06

No.	Round	Site	District	Cumulative number of Children's Centres for each district	Cluster	KCC Approval	SSU Approval for capital build	State of Build	Designation	Core Offer Status
11	Round 1	Hawkinge	Shepway	2	Shepway 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	Designated 1/06	COS 03/06
12	Round 1	Ray Allen	Ashford	2	Ashford 1	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 3/06	By 12/06
13	Round 1	Bell Wood	Maidstone	1	Maidstone 2	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 4/06	Awaiting COS
14	Round 1	Bucklands	Dover	3	Dover	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 4/06	COS 04/06
15	Round 1	Tower Hamlets	Dover	4	Dover	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 4/06	COS 04/06
16	Round 1	Milton Court, Sittingbourne	Swale	2	Swale Urban	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 9/06	COS 9/06
17	Round 1	Newlands, Ramsgate	Thanet	3	Thanet 2	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 9/06	COS 9/06
18	Round 1	Oakfield	Dartford	2	Dartford West	N/A	Approved	Completed	Designated 9/06	COS 9/06
19	Round 1	Swanscombe	Dartford	3	Dartford East	N/A	Deferred from Round 1		By 3/08	By 3/10
20	Round 1	Newington	Thanet	4	Thanet 2	N/A	Deferred from Round 1		By 3/08	By 3/10

**RECORD OF DECISION**



**DECISION TAKEN BY** Mr John Simmonds –  
Cabinet Member for  
Education and School  
Improvement

**DECISION NO.**  
  
**07/00942**

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**Subject:**  
  
**CHILDREN’S CENTRES – APPROVAL TO NAME NEXT NINE SITES**

**Decision:**  
  
AGREED to sending the list of 9 sites to the DfES for approval and subsequent building.

**Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken**  
  
No

**Reason(s) for decision including alternatives considered**  
  
As set out in the report.

**Background Information:**  
  
None

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signed

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date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			