

KENT EARLY YEARS, CHILDCARE AND EXTENDED SERVICES BOARD

CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND EXTENDED SERVICES WORKING GROUP

Draft Terms of Reference

In the context of being one of the sub groups of the Early Years, Childcare and Extended Services Board (EYCESB), be responsible for providing advice to EYCESB on the strategic overview of the development of children's centres and extended schools services within Kent.

- a) To assist in the development and sustainability of accessible, inclusive and high quality children's centres and extended services in and around schools, ensuring congruency with other community resource centres, services and facilities
- b) To advise and assist in the identification and resolution of the key challenges in delivering this complex agenda;
- c) To identify, share and build upon good practice relating to the development of children centre and extended schools services;
- d) To assist in the co-ordination of provision of all aspects of the core offer to families with children, from conception to leaving statutory education;
- e) To contribute to the development and sustainability of extended services in and around all schools in Kent by September 2010, being childcare (including breakfast, after school and holiday provision), access to sport, cultural and leisure activities, study support and out of hours learning opportunities, parent support and information and use of school facilities for the community, and swift and easy access to specialist services and support
- f) To promote partnership so as to ensure that appropriate two-way communication exists between all relevant stakeholders in order to improve quality and achieve better outcomes for children;
- g) Reporting to the EYCESB on the development of and progress in relation to these Terms of Reference as required.