

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough,
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and
Education

DECISION NO:

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Unrestricted

Subject: Commissioned Children's Centres

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education Cabinet I agree to:

1. Bring three of the six currently commissioned Children's Centres (Folkestone Early Years, Hythe Bay and The Village) into KCC directly delivered provision fully within the Early Help model and re-provision the existing Early Help offer to ensure continued provision across all districts.
2. Reduce the current funding levels of the two remaining centres (Millmead and Seashells), by 15% (each) for 2018/19, with the view to re-procure the service in twelve months' time.

Reason(s) for decision:

In taking this decision I have taken into consideration the views of the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee which are set out below:

- Levels of Children's Centre provision and performance delivered within existing financial envelopes.
- Additional Social Value that some of the centres bring to local Kent Communities.
- The potential impact on service users

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Following the discussion on the 22nd November 2017, it was agreed that further information and scoping was required before a decision could be taken. This included further conversations with the commissioned centres. This information was presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee at an extraordinary meeting on the 5th December 2017 and resulted in the decision outlined above.

Any alternatives considered:

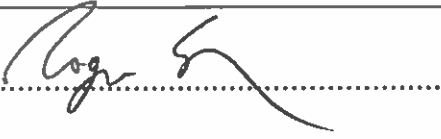
The following recommendations were presented to CYPE Cabinet Committee on the 22nd November 2017:

1. To bring four of the six currently commissioned Children's Centres (Riverside, Folkestone Early Years, Hythe Bay and The Village) into internal provision.
2. To ensure a robust re-provision of the existing EHPS offer to include delivery of service that is currently provided by four of the Commissioned Children's Centres (listed in above).
3. To reduce the current funding levels of the two remaining commissioned centres, Millmead and Seashells, by 30%.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None

Signed

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Date

4 January 2018