

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

Cabinet

Date of Committee

2 November 2006

Report Title

Children's Centres – Phase 2

Summary

This report outlines the details on proposed sites and estimated costs for Phase 2 of the strategy for Children's Centres across Warwickshire. The report was considered by the Sure Start Policy Panel.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

No

Background papers

- Children's Centres consultation 1.7.03 – 15.9.03
- Children's Centres Start Up Guidance, February 2003
- Strategic Plan for Children's Centres, Cabinet report 9.10.03
- Individual Plans for Children's Centres, April 2004
- Warwickshire Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Strategic Plan 2004/06
- Developing a strategy for Children's Centres across Warwickshire, Cabinet report 13.1.05
- Sure Start Policy Panel reports 16.12.04, 23.11.05 and 25.1.06

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees

Sure Start Policy Panel

Local Member(s)

All Local Members
Cllr David Booth – re Lighthorne Heath – *"I welcome this initiative"*

Other Elected Members

Cllr Richard Grant – *"noted"*
Cllr Katherine King
Cllr Jill Dill-Russell – *"noted the report"*

Cllr Helen McCarthy
Cllr John Whitehouse

- Cabinet Member Cllr Izzi Seccombe – *“pleased to note the report of the Chairman of the Sure Start Policy Panel”*
- Other Cabinet Members consulted Cllr John Burton
- Chief Executive
- Legal Victoria Gould
- Finance David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources – *“fine”*
- Other Strategic Directors
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION

None

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Report of the Chair – Sure Start Policy Panel

Recommendation of the Sure Start Policy Panel:

- (1) That the Cabinet agree the proposals for Phase 2 of Children's Centres and note the financial implications arising from the feasibility study and that the cost of the programme will be met from Government grant.
- (2) That the Cabinet approve the proposal to manage the programme within the overall grant allocation as set out in paragraph 2.4 of this report.

1. Views of the Sure Start Policy Panel

- 1.1 The Panel considered the report containing an update on progress for Phase 1 Children's Centres and details of proposed sites and estimated costs for Phase 2.
- 1.2 Norma Smeaton noted that the site for the Lillington Children's Centre visited earlier was the last centre in Phase 1 and was expected to be complete in three weeks.
- 1.3 During the ensuing discussion on Phase 2, the following comments were made:
 - (1) Following the agreement by Cabinet on site proposals at the end of 2005, feasibility studies were now complete and the estimated costings were attached to the report as Appendix A.
 - (2) While the sites were in the most disadvantaged areas, many would also serve surrounding areas, particularly in rural areas.
 - (3) Following the completion of the feasibility studies it had emerged that Boughton Leigh Infant School had more spare capacity than originally expected. The admission numbers were expected to rise and a decision had been made to continue with the project.
 - (4) The estimated costs covered the capital investment required and differed due to the different needs – some properties only required limited refurbishment while other required a new build.
 - (5) These costs had been determined taking into account the following issues:

- practicality
 - good sense
 - access – particularly in rural areas
 - where possible developing on nursery school sites and sites offering nursery classes, as part of the plan agreed by Cabinet
 - linked to Extended School services
 - following liaison with stakeholders.
- (6) The costs were estimates and where problems such as planning objections or unforeseen circumstances arose, the plan would require reviewing.
- (7) The Council needed to have committed as much of the Government grant as possible by March 2007 and be in a position to demonstrate progress and that the spending process had begun on as many projects as possible.
- (8) Local Members would be consulted.
- 1.4 The Chair of the Sure Start Policy Panel noted the report and agreed that agreement by e-mail be obtained from the Panel to recommend to the Cabinet that they agree the proposals for Phase 2 of Children’s Centres which will be funded through a Government Grant (General Sure Start Grant – Main Capital Block) and the financial implications from the feasibility study.

2. Phase 2 Centres

- 2.1 The projects in Phase 2 have been subject to a comprehensive feasibility study in which all the options for building, within the constraints of finance and available space, were explored. All stakeholders, including headteachers and governors, were involved in the process and were able to contribute their views on the building designs. However, development on some sites has been limited by the availability of space, e.g. Kenilworth Nursery, which is a high priority within Warwickshire’s strategic plan for Children’s Centre development but is restricted for capital development because of the size of the site it occupies.
- 2.2 All Phase 2 projects must be complete by 31st March 2008. The budget for the two years allows for 33% expenditure in year one and 67% in year two. No carry forward between the two years will be allowed unless it can be demonstrated that the projects profiled in the first year’s expenditure projects are well underway by March 2007. For this reason the capital programme for Phase 2 will be monitored closely to ensure that we have a realistic grasp of the progress on each project and the capital expenditure that has taken place.
- 2.3 Consultation and information meetings on the services to be provided at each site will take place between October and February 2007 and all stakeholders, including elected members, parents and members of the local communities, will

be invited to participate. Governance of the Centres will be decided through a fair tendering process, in accordance with County Council regulations.

- 2.4 Unlike the first phase, where Centres had to be developed within the 20% most disadvantaged wards, the second phase focuses on the 30% most disadvantaged Super Output Areas (SOAs). Feasibility studies have been completed and the proposed sites and estimated costs are attached at **Appendix A**. This is provided to demonstrate an indicative value for each project. It is proposed that the Children, Young People and Families Directorate will manage the programme within the overall grant allocation rather than on a scheme-by-scheme basis.

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Proposed Children's Centres Sites Phase 2, 2006/08

Breakdown of Children's Centres into Areas

<u>Proposed location of Centre</u>	<u>SOAs* covered</u>	<u>Reach</u>	<u>Type of build</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>
Birchwood Primary School with outreach to Polesworth Nethersoles	Dordon	214	New build	£512,400
	Newton Regis + Warton	204		
	Polesworth East	185		
	Polesworth West	213		
Contribution to Nethersoles refurbishment			Refurbishment	£25,000
Total reach		816		£537,400
Kingsbury Primary School	Kingsbury	212	Refurbishment	
	Wood End + Hurley	14		
Total reach		426		£294,000
Park Lane Primary School	Galley Common	553	New Modular	
	Fillongley	160		
Total reach		713		£354,200
Exhall Grange School and Science College		384	Contribution to large project	
Total reach		384		£142,200
Rugby Parents' Centre	Benn	445	External works	
	Caldecott	250		
	Eastlands	309		
	Newbold Town Centre	200		
Total reach		1,204		£125,800
Hillmorton Primary School	Hillmorton	246	Refurbishment	
	Paddox	237		
	Overslade	347		
Total reach		830		£78,000
Boughton Leigh Infant School	Brownsover North	322	New build	
	Avon & Swift	111		
	Brownsover South	355		
Total reach		788		£712,800

<u>Proposed location of Centre</u>	<u>SOAs* covered</u>	<u>Reach</u>	<u>Type of build</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>
Oakfield Primary School	Overslade	347	Refurbishment / new build	
	New Bilton	383		
Total reach		730		£290,000
Kenilworth Nursery School	Abbey	378	TBC	
	Parkhill	495		
Total reach		873		£440,000
Warwick Nursery School	Warwick West	529	New build	
	Warwick North	487		
Total reach		1,016		£440,100
Westgate Primary School (split site with Newburgh)		816	New modular	
Total reach	Mapping exercise is still in progress	TBC		£225,500 or £446,200
Newburgh Primary School (split site with Westgate)			Refurbishment / new build	
Total reach	Mapping exercise is still in progress	TBC		£491,900
St. John's Primary School	St John's	365	Modular	
	Leek Wootton	122		
	Lapworth	151		
Total reach		638		£257,400
Sydenham Primary School / Leamington Parents' Centre	Willes	430	Refurbishment	
	Clarendon	234		
Total reach		664		£463,200
Lighthorne Heath Primary School	Burton Dassett	135	Refurbishment / new build	
	Kineton	272		
	Harbury	286		
Total reach		693		£506,400
St. Nicholas Primary School, Alcester	Alcester	364	Refurbishment / new build	
	Sambourne	102		
Total reach		466		£420,000
Studley Infant School	Studley	338	TBC	
Total reach		338		£381,400

<u>Proposed location of Centre</u>	<u>SOAs* covered</u>	<u>Reach</u>	<u>Type of build</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>
Southam - Graeme Adams Centre	Southam	457	Refurbishment	
	Stockton & Napton	174		
	Long Itchington	150		
Total reach		781		£25,000
Bulkington Village Centre	Bulkington	240	Refurbishment	
	Wolvey	141		
	Shilton/Ansty			
	Bramcote			
Bulkington Village	Barnacle			
	Burton Hastings			
Total reach		381		£25,000
Bishopton (designated as Phase 1 Centre but capital project carried into Phase 2)			Refurbishment / modular	
TOTAL				£403,000
TOTAL		13,259		£6,573,300 or £6,794,000
GOWM require us to reach:				
	Phase 1 =	2,282		
	Phase 2 =	15,917		
	TOTAL =	18,199		
Phase 1 (with additions) - total reach	8,033			
Phase 2 – total reach	13,259			
TOTAL reach over both phases	21,292			

* **SOA = Super Output Areas.** This is the measure used by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister to define areas of disadvantage. They are used instead of wards because they allow finer definition and they are not subject to boundary changes as wards have been, thus creating difficulties with consistency of information. All of the SOAs in the 30% most disadvantaged areas are covered in the Children's Centre development plan – as required by DfES. More SOA information can be obtained from the National Statistics website.