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Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet

6th January 2006
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CHILDREN'S CENTRES PHASE 2 PLANNING PRIORITIES (2006-08)

Report of the Corporate Director Children and Young People

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Children's Centres programme is well established in Leicester. The Children's Centres strategy was agreed at Cabinet on the 16th of August 2004 in a report which described the overall strategy and the plans for the first phase of the programme (i.e. the deployment of the first ten centres and associated networks). The government requires the council and its partners to reach (offer services to) 10,027 children under 5 by 2006 a further 6,439 by 2008 with all children receiving an integrated children centre service by 2010. The children centre programme has moved from being one targeted on our most disadvantaged children to one for all children.
- 1.2 Phase one of the children centre programme is on target for completion on time and on budget (see appendix two).
- 1.3 The Children's Centres Steering group has now combined with the Extended Services in and around schools and the child care Steering group so that these programmes are developed jointly and coherently. This new group is currently chaired by Louise Goll, Service Director of achievement and innovation. Many schools took part in the Children's Centres consultation events over the summer and over 60 have registered their interest in offering extended services of one form or another. The first phase of the Children's Centres programme has progressed very well and Leicester has been one of the leading authorities both regionally and nationally in relation to the formal accreditation of the centres as meeting the core children's centres offer.
- 1.4 The Children's Centre strategy makes a key contribution to achieving the vision set out in the government's 'Every Child Matters' change programme and Leicester's Children and Young Peoples plan. The strategy provides a real opportunity to improve outcomes for children. This will be achieved by working in partnership with a range of agencies and communities to ensure that services are accessible to all and locally responsive to

need. The strategy will offer significant opportunities for co-location and integration of service delivery and in turn create greater access to services that are efficiently provided.

2. Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 This report outlines the phase 2 requirement to extend the provision of children centres further and seeks agreement from Cabinet with regard to issues in relation to the establishment of a further 8 main centres between 2006-2008 .
- 2.2 The Sure start Grant allocates £2,169,125 capital 06/08 for the development of eight main children centres and a further £2,482,326 for the extended services and child care strategy. (grant letter 4th April 2005 ref nenecc0405fgtuwgg)
- 2.3 The Sure Start grant allocates £6,572,971 total revenue funding for the period 06-08. There is a revenue strategy in place that ensures that the children centres are fully funded through the grant.
- 2.4 The Corporate Director of Children and young people intends to bring a further report to Cabinet detailing the overall strategic direction for early years services including the Children Centre programme.

3. Summary

- 3.1 The following quote from the guidance makes clear what the government's intentions are for this programme:

'Sure Start Children's Centres will be one of the key delivery mechanisms to achieve the objectives set out in the Government's Every Child Matters programme. Our aim is to improve outcomes for all young children, and in particular to close the gap between the outcome for the most disadvantaged children and others. Outcomes and options for children, families and their communities will be enhanced by increasing the availability of high quality integrated childcare and early learning, health and family support services. We want to see services brought together at neighbourhood level supporting parents/carers, both in their parenting and in their aspirations towards employment¹.

- 3.2 In phase 2 (2006-08) local authorities have been asked to plan 'to ensure all of the most disadvantaged families will have access to [integrated] children centre services...[if they live]...in the 30% most disadvantaged areas (as defined by ODPM Super Output Areas)². It is expected that on average a children's centre will serve a community with about 800 children under five years old. These requirements were expressed through planning guidance³ in July 05 and also the recently issued practice guidance⁴.

¹ A SURE START CHILDREN'S CENTRE FOR EVERY COMMUNITY PHASE 2 PLANNING GUIDANCE (2006-08) [July 2005] page 3

² ibid page 4

³ <http://www.surestart.gov.uk/surestartservices/settings/surestartchildrenscentres/planningguidance/>

⁴ <http://www.surestart.gov.uk/publications/?Document=1500>

- 3.3 Local authorities were expected to have agreed the next phase of centres and to have recorded the detail of individual centres on the established web-based system by the end of February 2006 . The local authority has complied with this with an agreed proviso that we are able to change this information if necessary.

The minimum level of information entered is :

- ★ The centre name
- ★ Proposed number of children under five living in the centre's area
- ★ Designation date
- ★ Centre description

- 3.4 These plans have named the building for the main centre provision, which Government office have confirmed can be changed at a later date as a result of building option appraisals. Cabinet agreement at this stage is necessary so that work can commence on identifying the appropriate location for the main centres in line with the capital strategy outlined in appendix one of the supporting information.

4 Consultations

- 4.1 The Children's Centre team in partnership with the Leicester Federation conducted a review of the strategy during the summer of 2005. Thirteen community events and five multi-agency stakeholder events were held to ensure a consensus was achieved on the planning principles for phase two.

- 4.2 On the question of where to place the next round of centres the consultations revealed consensus about the key issues that should be considered when choosing the next round of centres (in priority order):

- 1 Level of disadvantage (significantly above all other options)
- 2 Poor outcomes for children in area
- 3 Number of children in area
- 4 Availability of sites

- 4.3 The Children Centres partnership asked a small representative group to use the principles and government guidance to work up some proposals. The group looked at the 30% Super Output Areas (SOA) and identified the communities that are not served currently by either a Sure Start local programme or a new phase one Children's Centre. The group then looked at the number of children under five years who live in each area and, using the principles above, have established the following communities requiring a phase two development:

- 1 Highfields (re-designating the existing Sure Start programme)
- 2 Rowlatts Hill
- 3 Mowmacre
- 4 Rowley Fields (South Braunstone)
- 5 North Evington
- 6 Belgrave (Loughborough Road)
- 7 Braunstone Frith

8 Netherhall

These communities are the only areas remaining in the city that will not receive a phase one children centre service and meet the government criteria for a phase two development.

5 Recommendations (or OPTIONS)

The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the report and to pass any comments it sees fit to Cabinet.

Cabinet is recommended to:

- i. Agree the placing of phase two children centres in the named communities as set out in paragraph 4.3.
- ii. Agree that consultation should commence within the named communities on potential sites.
- iii. Agree the capital strategic approach detailed in appendix 1 and approve the release of capital expenditure to conduct feasibility studies that will inform an option appraisal.
- iv. Agree to receive a further report from the Corporate Director of Children and Young Peoples Service outlining the strategic direction in the context of integrated services

6. Headline Financial and legal Implications

Financial Implications

6.1 The Surestart capital allocations for the next two years are:

- 2006/07 - £2,397,683
- 2007/08 - £2,253,768

The funding will be provided as capital grant from the DfES.

6.2 This funding is time-limited and must be spent by 31st March 2008. The progress of these schemes will be monitored as part of the regular capital monitoring process.

6.3 The Surestart allocation is to support the Children's Centres, Extended Schools and Childcare Strategies across the City. The funding for the different elements is not ring-fenced but the indicative allocation for Children's Centres is £2,169,125. At this stage approval is being sought to proceed with option appraisals and feasibility studies for the Children's Centres projects.

6.4 It is currently envisaged that the grant funding will cover the full cost of the Children's Centres capital works, and that no City Council funding will be required. The possibility

of accessing additional funding and/or joining up Children's Centres works with other capital works will be explored as part of the option appraisal.

- 6.5 The proposals are at an early stage of development. A full option appraisal will be made, and reported back to Cabinet for decision, prior to the tender process for construction works. This will include the profiling of works across the two financial years.
- 6.6 The revenue costs of the centres will be met from DfES grant. The Surestart revenue funding totals £20.4 million over the next 2 years. A separate paper on the use of this funding will be presented to Members in due course. Funding levels for future years have not yet been confirmed but revenue funding for Children's Centres is expected to continue, as this is a major national initiative.

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Legal Implications

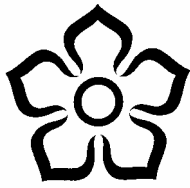
Legal advice awaited and will be circulated when available.

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	Yes
Reason	Significant effect on one or more wards
Appeared in Forward Plan	Yes
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In phase one (2004-06) children's centres were developed to serve families living in the 20% most disadvantaged wards (based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2000). This report outlines the phase 2 requirement to extend the provision further and seeks agreement to commence the establishment of a further 8 main centres between 2006- 2008.

2. The Government requirement

- 2.1 In phase 2 (2006-08) local authorities have been asked to plan to ensure all of the most disadvantaged families will have access to children centre services if they live in the 30% most disadvantaged areas (as defined by ODPM Super Output Areas). It is expected that on average a children's centre will serve a community with about 800 children under five years old,
- 2.2 The Local Authority has been asked to develop a further eight main centres during 2006 – 2008 reaching a further 6,439 children
- 2.3 In the longer term, there will be a Sure Start Children's Centre for every community – with 3,500 centres planned nationally by 2010.

By 2010 Leicester City will be expected to have twenty-two main Children's Centres with a possible further four to be developed between 2008 – 2010 (using the 1:800 ratio).

- 2.4 Local authorities were expected to have agreed the next phase of centres and to record the detail of individual centres on the established web-based system by the end of February 2006 . The local authority has complied with this with an agreed proviso that we are able to change this information if necessary.

The minimum level of information entered by this date is :

- ★ The centre name
- ★ Proposed number of children under five living in the centre's area
- ★ Designation date
- ★ Centre description

These plans have named the building for the main centre provision, which Government office have confirmed can be changed at a later date as a result of building option appraisals.

- 2.5 Cabinet agreement at this stage is necessary so that work can commence on identifying the appropriate location for the main centres in line with the capital strategy outlined in appendix one .

The guidance suggests that where possible a children's centre's service area should be established so that families within it, can access services within pram-pushing distance of their homes. Using additional settings linked to main children's centre sites may be necessary to facilitate outreach and easy access to services, particularly in larger geographical areas.

- 2.6 When planning centres the guidance suggests that consideration should be given to ensuring access by those communities whose take up of services in the past has been low. Young parents, lone parents, parents of disabled children, parents from minority ethnic families, parents with a learning disability or mental health problem, those experiencing domestic violence or misusing drugs, families of offenders, and families in temporary accommodation can be among those most in need who are often excluded from mainstream services. Local authorities are asked to plan with other agencies through children's trust arrangements which services would best be provided from centres as part of effective multi-agency partnership working.
- 2.7 The guidance suggests that it is both more cost effective and better for managing the children's services market for children's centres to be designed around existing provision. In phase 1 of the children's centres programme (2004 – 2006) the majority of Sure Start Children's Centres are being developed from Sure Start local programmes, neighbourhood nurseries, early excellence centres and maintained nursery schools.
- 2.8 In phase 2 local authorities have been asked to ensure that Sure Start local programmes that are not already designated are supported to become children's centres.

2.9 The guidance goes on to suggest that “when planning children’s centres local authorities should consider the opportunities for schools, particularly primary schools, to co-locate with children’s centres and offer integrated services for children and parents/carers from one place. This approach will support a smooth transition into school.

3. Identifying the communities to be served by the next round of centres

3.1 The first ten children’s centres are or will be sited (see table in appendix 2 for more detail) in the following communities:

- Beaumont Leys
- Belgrave and Rushey Mead
- Northfields
- Crown Hills
- St Matthews
- Highfields
- West End
- Saffron
- Eyres Monsell and Gilmorton
- Braunstone
- New Parks
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3.2 The Children’s Centre team in partnership with the Leicester Federation conducted a review of the strategy during the summer 2005. Thirteen community events and five stakeholder events were held to ensure a consensus was achieved on the planning principles for phase two.

At each event three key questions have been consulted on:

Where do we place the network boundaries to ensure that all service providers share the same group of children in common?

Where should we place the next round of children centres?

Who should manage the networks, centres and services?

3.3 On the question of where to place the next round of centres the consultation found that the following should be considered when choosing the next round of centres (in priority order)

- a. Level of disadvantage (significantly above all other options)
- b. Poor outcomes for children in area
- c. Number of children in area
- d. Availability of sites

Specific suggestions were made for prioritising the following communities:

- ★ Mowmacre
- ★ Netherhall
- ★ Spinney Hills
- ★ North Evington

Specific suggestions were made for the following communities receiving the lowest priority:

- ★ Clarendon Park and Stoneygate
- ★ Western Park

4. Planning process

- 4.1 The Children's Centres Childcare and Extended Schools Partnership agreed at its October meeting that a small task group be established to consider both the guidance and consultation outcome and make proposals on which communities should benefit from a phase two centre.
- 4.2 Two planning sessions took place with the current children centre leaders / sure start programme managers and the strategic partnership task group. Both groups and the wider partnership have agreed the following proposals be put to Cabinet.

5. Proposals

- 5.1 Each group looked at the 30% Super Output Areas (SOA) and identified the communities that are not served by either a Sure Start local programme or a phase one Children's Centre (see attached chart). The group then looked at the number of children under five years that information informs us live in each area and have established the following communities requiring a phase two development:

- 1 Highfields (existing Sure Start programme)
- 2 Rowlatts Hill
- 3 Mowmacre
- 4 Rowley Fields (south Braunstone)
- 5 North Evington
- 6 Belgrave (Loughborough Road)
- 7 Braunstone Frith
- 8 Netherhall

- 5.2 There are a small number of areas remaining that fall into the 30% SOA but appear to have a much smaller number of children than a main centre development would support. These areas fall into two categories:

- ★ Commercial areas

Areas such as the city centre where at this time there is little family housing at this time.

- ★ Neighbouring an existing Sure Start area

Areas that could be integrated into existing provision such as Aylestone which could be integrated into Saffron Lane which has less than 800 children.

5.3 Therefore the communities listed are the only areas remaining in the city that have not received a phase one children centre service and meet the government criteria for a phase two development.

6. **Next steps**

6.1 Commence consultation with both service providers and Communities in the agreed phase two areas. The consultation will identify service need and potential sites for the main children centre . A buildings option appraisal will be undertaken .

7. **Action/recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- v. Agree the placing of phase two children centres in the named communities as set out in paragraph 5.1.
- vi. Agree that consultation should commence within the named communities on potential sites.
- vii. Agree the capital strategic approach detailed in appendix 1 and approve the release of capital expenditure to conduct feasibility studies that will inform an option appraisal.
- viii. Agree to receive a further report from the Corporate Director of Children and young peoples services outlining the strategic direction in the context of integrated services

8. **FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

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- 8.5 The proposals are at an early stage of development. A full option appraisal will be made, and reported back to Cabinet for decision, prior to the tender process for construction works. This will include the profiling of works across the two financial years.
- 8.6 The revenue costs of the centres will be met from DfES grant. The Surestart revenue funding totals £20.4 million over the next 2 years. A separate paper on the use of this funding will be presented to Members in due course. Funding levels for future years have not yet been confirmed but revenue funding for Children’s Centres is expected to continue, as this is a major national initiative.

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9. Legal Implications

See 6.7 (p4) in main report

8. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	Yes	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	yes	

- 11. Background Papers: Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny 27.4.04
Cabinet 16.8.04

12. Consultations

17 events with a range of stakeholders – see above.

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APPENDIX ONE

CHILDREN'S CENTRES CAPITAL STRATEGY 06-08

1 Background

- 1.1 Children's Centres are part of a national programme. The government has set Leicester a target of developing 18 by 2008 with an expected further 4 by 2010.
- 1.2 Children centres are built on the service delivery model piloted by Sure Start local programmes. By 2008 all children living in the 30% most disadvantaged super output areas should receive a children centre integrated service (government target).
- 1.3 The Children's Centre programme both nationally and locally aims to improve outcomes for all children and close the outcome gap for children living in the most disadvantaged areas.
- 1.4 The LCC Children's Centre development offers significant opportunities to co-locate and integrate a range of staff and service delivery within a series of main centres and linked service delivery points. This method of delivering services offers children and families a new single gateway to services and underpins the national strategy contained in the children act 2004.
- 1.5 The Children's Centre Strategy was approved by Cabinet in August 2004. The strategy agreed to integrate (including co-location) a range of early years and children's services currently provided by Social Care and health, Education and Lifelong Learning, Health (PCTs), voluntary and private sectors.
- 1.6 The capital strategy in Phase 1(04-06), was to utilise existing buildings wherever possible allocating the capital fund of £4.5 million based on building improvement needs. A Capital Strategy Group was established with representatives from:
 - 1 Corporate Property Dept.
 - 2 Education Property Section.
 - 3 Social Care & Health Property Section.

A building project manager was appointed from RAD property projects who has managed the capital programme from feasibility through approval to completion.

2 Phase One Children Centres

- 2.1 The strategy group worked together to identify appropriate properties for the ten phase one Children's Centres to be established. Five were existing Sure Start programmes who had already agreed their capital expenditure and in some cases completed their builds. They are:

- 1 Beaumont Leys – Home Farm
- 2 St Matthews – new build opposite school
- 3 Saffron – Linwood Centre
- 4 Braunstone – Jubilee Family Centre
- 5 New Parks – Parkfield School site

The remaining five are all on schedule for completion on budget, on time they are:

- 1 Northfields – extension to Northfields House Primary School
- 2 Eyres Monsell – vacant Rolleston Infant School
- 3 Thurnby Lodge – vacant infant school at Thurnby Lodge School
- 4 Belgrave – Belgrave Children & Family Centre
- 5 West End – Johnston Children & Family Centre

3 Onward development of phase two

- 3.1 In Phase 2 we have identified the eight communities for main Children Centres to be located to achieve the government target. (By 2008 all children living in the 30% most disadvantaged Super Output Areas should receive a Children’s Centre integrated service, Leicester have been asked to deliver eight centres 2006/08).
- 3.2 The capital allocation 06-08 provided through the general Sure Start grant is significantly reduced for phase two .The total amount available is **£2,169,125** averaging at £309,000 per centre. This must be spent £1,084,562 in 06-07 and £1,084,562 in 07-08. However despite a reduction in the ring fenced amount, we need to continue to provide the same core offer range of services from the centres as they all fall into the 30% most disadvantaged Super Output Areas. To maximise potential efficiencies, we have agreed in principle to join up the capital allocation provided through the main sure start capital grant which totals **£4,651,451** (children centres, extended schools, out of school and playgroup support) and where centres are placed on school sites the main school capital budget.

4 Phase Two Children Centre development

- 4.1 Phase two (06-08) communities have been identified in accordance with the sure start criteria for the location of Children Centres based on demographic factors and deprivation indicators as required. The phase two communities meeting the criteria are as follows:
 - 1 Rowlatts Hill
 - 2 Rowley Fields/South Braunstone
 - 3 Mowmacre
 - 4 North Evington
 - 5 Belgrave
 - 6 Braunstone Frith
 - 7 Netherhall
 - 8 Highfields (please note this is an existing sure start programme but will be designated in phase two. The main centre is the former St. Peters family centre)

- 4.2 These communities are the only areas remaining in the city that will not receive a phase one children centre service and meet the government criteria for a phase two development.
- 4.3 The Government guidance indicates a strong preference based on evidence of good practice for locating Children's Centres on primary school sites, this approach enables the local authority to meet both children centre and extended services in and around schools targets.
- 4.4 This approach ensures both Children's Centre and Extended School core offers are met . The approach is found to benefit children and their families as they can receive joined up services particularly in the area of care and learning.

5 Priorities for locating main children centres in phase 2

- 5.1 The government guidance gives a strong steer to locate main children centres on school sites , It has been the experience of sure start programmes that parents prefer a primary school to a secondary school.
- 5.2 The priorities are ranked in order with schools the preferred approach. If we cannot identify an appropriate school then priority 2 and 3 will be explored.
 - 1. Primary school site within pram pushing distance of the community it serves
 - 2. Existing local authority buildings identified through the corporate property review
 - 3. Partner agency buildings

6 The strategic approach

- 6.1 The approach proposed is to continue with the capital strategy in Phase 1(04-06). That is, to utilise existing buildings through a refurbishment programme wherever possible, allocating the capital fund based on building improvement needs. This approach has demonstrated that it can deliver buildings fit for purpose ,on time and on budget.

7 Meeting Children Centre building requirements

- 7.1 To meet the core offer the centre should contain as a minimum :
 - 1 Meeting room space/contact space
 - 2 Hot desks x 15
 - 3 Storage space
 - 4 Childcare space to Ofsted standards
 - 5 Clinical and interview rooms
 - 6 Toy library
 - 7 Reception/community cafe space

7.2 The Children Centre strategy will continue to work as part of the corporate property review to identify appropriate buildings that meet the children centre requirements and further explore co-location opportunities.

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APPENDIX 2

PHASE 1 CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Name	Site of Children's Centre	Managing agency	Designation requirements				Designation date	Core offer services					Revenue 06/07
			Manager	Teacher	Job Centre Plus	Main centre registered with Ofsted		Health	Family support	SEN	Childminder network	Core offer date	
Belgrave	Cossington Street	LCC	Maz Cave	Liz Surtees	✓	✓	February 06	✓	✓	✓		September 06	326,046
Beaumont Leys & Stocking Farm	Home Farm Walk	LCC	Ann Marshall	Liz Surtees	✓	✓	September 04	✓	✓	✓		September 06	776,567
Braunstone	Gallards Hill	NCH	Deirdra Cusak	Sue Hastings	✓	✓	September 04	✓	✓	✓		September 06	793,751
Eyres Monsell	Hillsborough Road (S)	LCC	Chris Lang	Sue Boud	✓		March/April 06					September 06	386,646
New Parks	Pindar Road (S)	LCC	Kay Jaques	Liz Hirst	✓		March/April 06	✓	✓	✓		September 06	855,000
Northfields	Northfield Road (S)	LCC	Jane Hammond	Joy Lambell	✓		March/April 06					September 06	386,646
St Matthews	Vancouver Road	NCH	Angela Harley	Joy Lambell	✓	✓	September 04	✓	✓	✓		September 06	641,244
Saffron	Linwood Lane	Barnardos	Lynn Price	Sue Boud	✓	✓	September 04					September 06	802,916
Thurnby Lodge	Dudley Avenue (S)	LCC	Shelley Marsden	Sue Hastings	✓		March/April 06					September 06	386,646
West End	Catesby Street	LCC	Marianne Whiting	Liz Hirst	✓		March/April 06					September 06	323,746

(S) = school site

PHASE 1 CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Children's Centre	Designation date	Revenue budget	Managing agency	New childcare places (subject to variation on ofsted registration)	City rank in 30% SOAs (out of 123)	Approximate number of children under 5 years
Belgrave	March 06	326,046	LCC	89	15	2000
Beaumont Leys & Stocking Farm	September 04	776,567	LCC	110	3	1000
Braunstone	September 04	793,751	NCH	42	4	1000
Eyres Monsell	March 06	386,646	LCC	85	44	800
New Parks	March 06	855,000	LCC	65	12	1000
Northfields	March 06	386,646	LCC	96	21	1000
St Matthews	September 04	641,244	NCH	28	1	740
Saffron	September 04	802,916	Barnardos	50	8	600
Thurnby Lodge	March 06	386,646	LCC	49	46	1000
West End	March 06	323,746	LCC	56	55	1000

Note * the revenue allocation for the 10 centres is completely funded by the sure start grant 06-08. The children centres that were previously sure start local programmes have a government defined ring fence allocation per programme. The new children centres have a revenue allocation agreed locally using the children centre allocation contained in the sure start grant.