
Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

5th March, 2008

Report of
Councillor Dixon

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Sure Start – North East

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Sure Start over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council continue to work with and monitor this outside body. Initial results are looking favourable.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 Sure Start Children's Centres provide integrated multi-agency services and are central to local authorities' efforts to develop mainstream early years provision. They are a universal point of access for integrated early learning and childcare, family support, health services, support into employment, and links to other specialist services. Sure Start Children's Centres will improve outcomes for all children, but place a particular focus on the most disadvantaged.

Coventry has a target of 19 Children's Centres by May 2008. The following 14 centres are open and designated, offering the range of services required in 30% and 70% Areas of Need. Of the 19 centres, 17 are in the 30% and only 2 in the 70% Areas of Need.

Requirements in 30% most disadvantaged wards:

- Areas require a full range of integrated services

Requirements in 70% most disadvantaged wards:

- Demonstrate how services can be accessed, signposted

Phase 1 2004-2006 - Open and designated

	<u>Contact Tel N^o</u>
▪ Bell Green (Longford)	024 7678 6868
▪ Canley (Charter Primary School – Canley)	024 7685 6850
▪ Flutterbies (Holbrook)	024 7663 8700
▪ Foleshill (Foleshill)	024 7678 5575
▪ Hillfields (St Michael)	024 7622 8174
▪ Middle Ride (Willenhall)	024 7630 5043
▪ Moat House (Henley)	024 7662 2158
▪ *Radford (Radford)	024 7678 8444
▪ Stoke Heath (Upper Stoke)	024 7644 3061
▪ The Barley Lea (Stoke Aldermoor)	024 7645 8472
▪ Tile Hill (Westwood)	024 7647 0039
▪ Tommies (Holbrook)	024 7636 6944
▪ Valley House (Longford)	024 7626 6280

* *There is a planned extension to Radford Children's Centres to increase Training/ Group facilities*

Phase 2 2006-2008

		<u>Contact Tel N^o</u>
* Wyken – Open and designated	at Wyken Croft Primary School	024 7661 3932
* Cheylesmore	at Cheylesmore Community Centre	
▪ Spon Gate	at Spon Gate Primary School	
▪ Gosford	at Gosford Park Primary School	
▪ Richard Lee	at Richard Lee Primary School	

* 70% area of need

There are no new childcare places required to be developed in Phase 2. Existing providers of pre-school playgroups at Hill Farm, Richard Lee, Wyken and Cheylesmore will be developing these provisions to extend their current childcare facilities.

Gosford Park and Spon Gate will be continuing their childcare / education provision through their existing nursery class, extending to full daycare on an agreed timescale.

Provision for children 0 – 2 ½ yrs will be through the development of childminding networks linked to each of the children's centres.

3.2 **Current priorities**

- To complete partnership agreements / Service Level Agreements with Primary Care Trust, University Hospital Trust
- To develop partnership arrangements with primary schools with children's centre on site to include co-ordination of services, to complement schools services and children's centre targets

- Budgets for 2008 – 2011 have been allocated for Revenue costs, so work has started to profile each centre requirements based on *Performance Indicators*
- Governance Guidance has been issued which gives opportunity to further develop models and review current Partnership Boards in line with role of Children's Trusts
- A Pilot programme, to place Health Visitors within Children's Centres is nearing completion to be tabled between PCT and the City Council

3.3 Support and Development

Children's Centres managers/owners meet on a regular basis to access training information and discussion. Representatives of partner agencies, children's services, library services, inclusion etc update developments in their services and identify opportunities to work together.

Children's Centres managers / providers represent the group on:

- Teenage Pregnancy Group
- Supporting Families
- Asylum Seekers / Refugees
- BME Group
- BookStart
- Marketing & Communication Group
- EYDCP

3.4 Monitoring / Review

Each Children's Centre has a Contract / Heads of Terms Agreement which includes *Performance Indicators* for Children's Centres.

Financial monitoring against Business Plans are conducted by the Business Support Officer.

The following table indicates Children's Centres in Phase 2 to be developed / timescales for completion / Capital costs

Children's Centre	Completion	Capital costs
Cheylesmore	February 2008	150K
Spon Gate	May 2008	400K
Gosford	End of March 2008	491K
Richard Lee	December 2007	470K

3.5 Phase 3

Coventry may have additional Children's Centres to create. Further information will be available in the Autumn.

4 **Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

- 4.1 Sure Start is providing a positive impact on the education and future outcomes of children and young adults in Coventry with the aim of improving their quality of life. Many children are benefiting from the services, especially those in deprived areas.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Coventry City Council's representative on Sure Start – North East is Councillor Mrs Dixon. In the period from March 2007 and February 2008 inclusive 4 meetings were held and Councillor Mrs Dixon attended 3 of these meetings.

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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