
To: Cabinet

Date: 7th March 2017

Subject: Connecting Communities Phase 2

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of recommendations from Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee following the consideration of the Connecting Communities Phase 2 report at their meeting on 3rd March 2017.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet are recommended:

- 1) To involve Ward Councillors in further discussions about the implementation of the proposals.
- 2) To provide Ward Councillors with mapping information so they can see how the proposed changes affect theirs and surrounding wards.
- 3) That no childcare or children's centre provision is closed without outreach services in place to support vulnerable families and ensure that there are no gaps in provision.
- 4) That before any umbrella organisation is considered for youth provision in the city, careful consideration is made as to how this would operate, the impact it would have and the potential cost of delivery.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 3rd March 2017, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered the Connecting Communities Phase 2 report.
- 3.2 Officers representing Involvement and Partnerships, Children's Services, Youth Services and the Library Service presented to Members.
- 3.3 Members questioned officers on the following:
- Physical space to deliver the services from Family Hubs and what the hub and spoke model will look like
 - Support for community organisations who will be involved in delivering library services, especially in terms of financial viability

- Contingency if community and voluntary organisations are unable to continue, both in partnership and community library models
- That more emphasis on the grant reductions should be made to explain the reasons for the changes.
- Support for vulnerable families in areas where Children's Centre services are being withdrawn and packages of support for the transition to the Family Hub model, particularly for those families who are going to have to travel further.
- Details on reduction of posts and whether these would be voluntary or compulsory redundancies.

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