

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 20th January 2014

Additional report of the Interim Director of Children's Services and the Lead Officer - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Children's Centres in Dudley MBC

Purpose of Report

1. To advise Overview and Scrutiny Management Board of the results of the consultation process which ended on 10th January 2014
2. To propose a draft model for the children's centre offer

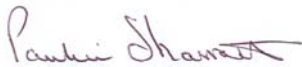
Consultation Responses and draft model

3. The consultation process has been detailed in the interim report provided for this meeting, circulated 10th January 2014.
4. There has been an unprecedented response to the consultation with overwhelming support from families accessing children's centres services and others who have involvement with the service.
5. 1,528 responses to the questionnaire were received. In addition Dudley Council received 4,118 petition names, 2 brainstorming sheets, 61 letters, 79 testimonials, 9 photos, 2 parents' views and comments, 12 media cuttings and 1 DVD.
6. An executive summary and more detailed report are shown as **Appendix 1**.
7. Following the analysis of responses a draft model is proposed and is shown as **Appendix 2**.
8. The executive summary and the more detailed report on the consultation responses and the draft model papers need to be read together.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

- Reviews the consultation responses and the draft model proposed and makes recommendations to cabinet about the children's centre offer for Dudley for the future



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Appendix 1 – Executive summary and report in respect of the consultation responses

Appendix 2 – Proposed draft model for children's centres offer