

ITEM 13

MINUTE EXTRACT

Time began 6.00pm

Time ended 7.10pm

COUNCIL CABINET

19 FEBRUARY 2008

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)
Councillors Banwait, Bolton, Graves, Hickson,
Hussain, Nath, and Roberts

In attendance Councillors Jones and Carr

This record of decisions was published on 21 February 2008. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

180/07 Phase 3 Children's Centres

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Phase 3 Children's Centres stating that these centres completed the role out of the governments target for 3,500 children's centres across the country by 31 March 2010. The Centre's were also a key driver for the government's target of narrowing the gap. The report indicated that by August 2008 Derby would have 14 designated Children's centres across the City and would be required to develop a further four to meet its total target of 18 to cover the whole city by 31 March 2010.

Options Considered

No other options meet the requirements for every family to have access to children's centre services by April 2010.

Decision

1. To agree in principle the identified areas for Phase 3 children's centres.
2. To approve the consultation process to proceed with the development of the centres and the engagement of required partners.

Reasons

The Sure Start Early Years and Childcare grant for 2008/2011 included a capital grant of £1,426,853. This was the only source of capital available to develop these new centres and included £224,691 for maintenance of existing children's centre buildings.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Additional information was requested at the Children and Young People Commission pre-agenda meeting. Rachel Dickinson, Assistant Director – Locality Services comments:

The current thinking is that there will be two further children's centres in Chaddesden/Oakwood. One at Meadow Farm School for Chaddesden and either a development at Park View or a satellite with Cavendish Close for Oakwood. This is of course subject to the feasibility issues outlined in the report. Consultation will be taking place in April and May with an anticipated timescale of a further report to Cabinet in June.