

Officer Executive Decisions

Transformation of Early Help Services - Outcome of the Consultation and Business Case

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date: On 8 August 2017, the Cabinet considered a report which provided details of the outcome of the Transformation of Early Help Services' public consultation carried out between 31 May and 12 July 2017. It also provided an overview of the business case, which analysed all the counter proposals together with the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member), to decide the final location of the Children and Family Hubs and Children and Family Wellbeing Centres within the agreed capital budget (decision no. 80/2017).

The report may be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ielIssueDetails.aspx?IId=19704&Opt=3>

Decision: The final locations of the Children and Family Hubs and Children and Family Wellbeing Centres have been agreed in accordance with the Cabinet decision.

The locations of the Children and Family Hubs and are as follows:

- All Saints - Chatham
- Wayfield – Luton
- Woodlands – Gillingham
- Elaine Centre – Strood (this is an integrated hub relocated from the split site at Bligh and Gun Lane centres)

Find children and family wellbeing centres in Medway using this link:

<https://admissions.medway.gov.uk/Synergy/Enquiries/Search.aspx?searchID=4>

Reasons for Decision: This will allow Medway Council to continue to deliver flexible and effective Early Help Services within a significantly diminished revenue budget. Creation of four new Family Hubs will allow the extension of services to a wider range of families. The proposed model delivers the most effective and far-reaching service within the reduced budget envelope.

Date of Decision: September 2018.

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Details of any other options considered and rejected: Options considered were set out in the Cabinet report.

Conflicts of Interest: None.