



CHILDREN'S CENTRES IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

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KEY ISSUE

To receive an update on the development of Children's Centres within Reigate and Banstead.

SUMMARY

As part of a ten-year Childcare Strategy, Choice for Parents, the Best Start for Children, the Government's objective is to see a Children's Centre for every community equating to 3,500 across the country by 2010. The first phase of these developments will see the creation of 2,500 centres by 2008, with 46 centres to be established in Surrey.

Surrey County Council has a role in addressing affordability, sustainability and quality provision, brokering and partnership working and ensuring access to these services by families.

Six Children's Centres are currently being developed in the Reigate and Banstead area. Annex A provides a brief update for each centre.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the progress to date in establishing Children's Centres within Reigate and Banstead.

Reigate and Banstead Area Children's Centre Update Jan 07

Children's Centre Area and Name	Proposed Children's Centre	Proposed Designation Date	Status (Jan 07)	Level of services to be offered
Area 3 Merstham, Bletchingly and Nutfield	Furzefield School	March 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans have been drawn up to locate the children's centre next to the existing nursery and open up the access to the back of the school. • Identified rural area offer supported by mobile provision 	<p>This centre will offer the full range of services including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated childcare and education from 0-5 • Access to health information and support • Links with jobcentre plus • Support and information to parents and carers • Crèche support for parent and carer activities • Mobile provision to provide outreach services to rural communities
Area 11 Redhill	Welcare	Summer 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Matthew's school will work with Welcare and childminders to provide the integrated education and childcare • Welcare have plans for extension of there facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This centre will offer the full range of services including • Integrated childcare and education will be delivered from the local school working in partnership with local childminders full day care for 0-5 will be available at Furzefield school. • Access to health information and support • Links with jobcentre plus • Support and information to parents and carers • Crèche support for parent and carer activities • Outreach services to families in their own homes

<p>Area 20 Horley</p>	<p>Meath Green Infants</p>	<p>March 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect has been commissioned to draw up plans • Plans are in place to relocate a local preschool on the Meath Green site, and either provide a system build or extend the existing bungalow. • Applying for designation with existing services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening meeting planned to let Horley know about the planned children’s centre • This centre will offer the full range of services including • Integrated childcare and education for 2-5 year olds • Access to health information and support • Links with jobcentre plus • Support and information to parents and carers • Crèche support for parent and carer activities • Baby Café to promote and support Breast feeding
<p>Area 31 Preston</p>	<p>Epsom downs childrens centre</p>	<p>designated</p>		<p>Examples of success-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast feeding support group • drop in for CAB advice and CPN. • Stay & play to encourage parents to interact with their children • the Family Links Nurture programmes have been successful in meeting need andincreasing the attendance at the centre. • New groups such as the Adult Selfesteem and a group just for parents with babies have grown out of these.

<p>Area 39 Leigh and Charlwood</p>	<p>Dovers Green Infants</p>	<p>Jan 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School opted to manage their own building works. • The plan is to replace the existing unusable portacabin with a new building. • Identified rural area offer supported by mobile provision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This centre will offer a graduated range of services including • Linking with local childcare provision. • Access to health information and support • Links with jobcentre plus • Support and information to parents and carers • Crèche support for parent and carer activities • Mobile provision to provide outreach services to rural communities
<p>Area 48 Earlswood and Meadvale</p>	<p>Earlswood Infants</p>	<p>Jan 31st 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working towards Early Designation. • No building work being undertaken at the school, services will be ran from the local church halls or signposted too. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This centre will offer a graduated range of services including • Linking with local childcare provision. • Access to health information and support • Links with jobcentre plus • Support and information to parents and carers • Crèche support for parent and carer activities • Pilot project being planned with Speech and language therapists to support parents to encourage and develop their children's speaking and listening