



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(SPELTHORNE)**

CHILDREN'S CENTRES IN SPELTHORNE

16 MARCH 2009

KEY ISSUE & SUMMARY

To note the development of Children's Centres within Spelthorne.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to note the report.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

This report updates the Local Committee on the progress in developing Children's Centres in Spelthorne.

**Clarendon Sure Start Children's Centre
Area 9 Ashford**

The children's centre is fully staffed with a fulltime centre manager, 2 fulltime outreach and a fulltime admin/advice. They are hoping to employ an additional part time outreach worker in April. The Steering group has been meeting to move the centre forwards with regards to what services the local area needs.

The centre is open from 8am to 6pm 5 days a week 50 weeks a year. They are planning to open on Saturdays to run a Fathers group.

The centre is running a range of activities for the local community, such as Play and Learn sessions for the childminders, Baby clinics, adult learning,

Family Links Parent group etc. They are also looking at setting up a Young Parents group.

**Stanwell Sure Start Children's Centre
Area 10 Stanwell**

The children's centre is fully staffed with a fulltime manager, 2 fulltime outreach and a part time admin/advice. The Steering group has been meeting to move the centre forwards with regards to what services the local area needs.

The centre has a website which is up and running –

www.stanwellchildrenscentre.co.uk

The centre is open from 8am to 6pm during term time only as the holiday play scheme uses the building during the holidays. Where possible to children's centre is using other venues to run some activities during the holiday. We are looking at putting a building on the Youth centre site. A meeting has been held with the Early Years and Youth services.

The centre has a large range of activities that the local community can access.

**Sun Ash Sure Start Children's Centre
Area 13 Sunbury North**

Both children's centres are fully staffed. The Steering group has been meeting to move the centre forwards with regards to what services the local area needs.

The centres are open on a needs only basis at the moment until the additional hours have been arranged. They are hoping to run some Father activities on Saturdays.

Both centres are running a range of services for the local community, such as Play and Learn, Family Links training, Contact sessions, Childminding activities etc.

**Buckland Sure Start Children's Centre
Area 28 Staines North**

Interviewing for a centre manager at the beginning for March for them to start consultation with the local community in May.

Waiting for building work to start in the Summer term.

**Saxon Children's Centre
Area 36 Sunbury South**

The children's centre will be using part of the school building, which sits on the school playing field. The school have allocated one room, a small reception area and some outside space.

Refurbishment of the rooms and children's centre are will take place in the autumn term (November).

Area 36 Staines South

No venue has been found in this area.

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