

# **Supplementary Agenda**

6.30 pm

Monday, 10 December 2018

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## **Items**

- Written Members' Questions

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## **6 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS**

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### AGENDA ITEM 6

#### WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

**1. Cllr Maureen Attewell  
re. Children's Centres**

Spelthorne Borough Council has concerns about the potential impacts of the Children Centres proposals being consulted and how they will impact on our families with the highest needs particularly in the Sunbury Common area. Can County please confirm that Spelthorne in relative terms has a higher proportion of families with high needs than most other parts of Surrey and would it therefore agree that proportionately it is only right that there needs to be a higher level of support within the Borough?

Can we have assurance that County will give serious consideration to all constructive suggestions put forward for locating a new model children centre resource within the Sunbury Common area?

To enable Spelthorne Borough Council and community partners to make more informed responses would it be possible for more information to be provided as to the level of outreach support anticipated to be provided and how that would work?

**Officer response**

The proposed future delivery model seeks to ensure that resources are focussed on children and families who are most in need. We know that Spelthorne has a significant number of families who require support which is why moving to a targeted offer rather than an offer for all families in Spelthorne is particularly important. We are happy to receive suggestions on how we best provide a targeted service in Sunbury Common; this does not necessarily mean retaining a dedicated centre and could potentially be provided in other community settings using outreach workers.

The specification for the new delivery model is being developed in partnership with the existing children's centres and will feature a requirement to provide outreach support to families. These families will be identified through referrals made to the Early Help Hub and partnership working with partner agencies such as Health Visiting, schools and early years settings. The outreach support could include accessing specific group sessions with other parents needing support or by outreach workers supporting the family directly.

**2. Cllr Maureen Attewell  
re. Early Help Advisory Board**

Spelthorne Borough Council was an early adopter of the Early Help approach and was one of the first boroughs to set up an Early Help Family Partnership pilot. In this context we would like clarification please as soon as possible as to what will be the future role of Early Help Advisory Boards in providing, through a partnership approach, strategic oversight and scrutiny of the Early Help programme as it moves forward. In particular how will the Boards at an individual Borough/district level fit with the move to a quadrant approach?

**Officer response**

No decisions have been made regarding the future of the Early Help Advisory Boards. The majority of Boards are coordinated and chaired by managers from Surrey Family Services, which is in the process of being restructured into a new delivery structure to form four quadrants. We will review the role of the Early Help Advisory Boards as we implement the new structure.