

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**E 2988****Future Management of Outlying Bright-Start Children's
Centre Buildings**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Paul May Cabinet Member for People and Communities Cllr Charles Gerrish Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency
The Issue	The Future Management of Outlying Bright-Start Children's Centre Buildings.
Decision Date	On or after 27 th September 2017.
The decision	The Cabinet Members agree that: The four buildings included within the report (Weston Children's Centre, Chew Valley Children's Centre, Midsomer Norton Children's Centre, Paulton Children's Centre and the Annex building on the Castle Primary School site) are leased to community organisation to ensure and promote more effective use-age by the respective community groups.
Rationale for decision	The rationale for this decision is that current (Hub and spoke) model operated by Bright-Start staff means that these buildings are not fully utilised. Other local organisations have expressed interest in running the buildings and making more effective use of them for each local community. This option has been chosen as it can be achieved within the time-scale required and has the least impact on families and children as it ensures the ongoing provision of Children's Centre Hub's in the key areas (Radstock, Keynsham and central Bath) as previously agreed by the Council in 2014.
Financial and budget implications	These proposals will save the Council an estimated £59k, and will enable the Bright Start Children's Centres to balance its budget at the end of 17/18.
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Social Inclusion; Sustainability; Property; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation);
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Meetings with Community groups and key stake-holders who are linked to each of the five buildings. Consultation with staff and service users.

Other options considered	Option for the sale of buildings have been explored. However it is felt that the value of the buildings being run by local community organisations provides better long-term value to both the communities and the Council than a cash sale.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	
Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
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