



Cabinet (Resources) Panel

8 April 2014

Report title	Children's Centre Financial Allocations 2014/15	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Val Gibson Children, Young People and Families	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	No	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	N/A	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Agree the allocations for Children's Centre locality budget for the financial year 2014/15.

Recommendations for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note:

1. The parameters for the allocations are on the basis of the number of children in the area, Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) and data drawn from health, employment, benefits claims, lone parents and number of child protection plans in the area.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To report the proposed 2014/15 financial allocations for Children's Centre activity in each of the eight Children and Family localities.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Cabinet approved savings of £1.5 million by April 2015 to the Children's Centre budgets on 24 July 2013 following a consultation exercise. Cabinet accepted that Children's Centres will continue to deliver most of the services that parents currently access. In order to achieve the savings it was agreed that there would be a reduction in management and administration costs due to the fact that they will be managed across eight larger areas.

3.0 Progress, options, discussion, etc.

- 3.1 As approved in the Cabinet report, from 1 April 2014 the seventeen Children's Centres in the City will operate in eight newly defined cluster areas known as Children and Family Support areas. Each area will be allocated a budget which will be devolved to the lead organisation for delivery in that area.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 The allocations reflect the approved savings and have been calculated on the basis of the number of children in the area, Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) and data drawn from health, employment, benefits claims, lone parents and number of child protection plans in the area.
- 4.2 The table below details the proposed allocations for 2014/15 to the eight Children's Centre areas:

Area	Children's Centres	Indicative allocations £'s
1	Eastfield and Rainbow	596,223
2	Bilston and Bradley	678,692
3	Sunbeam, All Saints and Windsor	646,924
4	Star and Bingley	421,303
5	Whitmore Reans	540,079
6	Dove, Marshes and Bushbury Triangle	551,821
7	Low Hill and Berries	631,094
8	Children's Village and Ashmore Park	623,544
	Total	4,689,680

- 4.3 The total approved budget for 2014/15 for the 0-5 Year's Early Help Service is £5.6 million, of which £4.7 million is proposed to be allocated to Children's Centres.

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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 Section 5a of the Childcare Act 2006, amended by the Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning (ASCL) Act 2009 requires Local Authorities to ensure there is sufficient Children's Centre provision within the local area to meet local need. The financial allocations set out in this report ensure that the Council continues to discharge its duties in relation to this.

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6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 An equalities analysis was carried out as part of the consultation; the recommendations from this will be incorporated into the planning for delivery during 2014/15 and updated and reviewed annually.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 This report has no environmental implications.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications in this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications in this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 Children's Centre Savings Plan outcome of consultation. Cabinet 24 July 2013 .