
New Delivery Model for Children's Play – Progress Report

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a verbal briefing on the progress being made in implementing the New Delivery Model for Children's Play, and in particular the service provision in Llanedeyrn.

Background

2. The Budget approved by Council on 26 February 2015 agreed that an alternative operational model be put in place for Play Services. This would include funding to enable the engagement of three Community Development Officers, to help develop and support the transition to alternative operational arrangements relating to the completion of the transfer of buildings into community use, by 31 March 2016.
3. The Committee considered the draft proposals at its meeting on 12 January 2016, following which the Committee wrote to the Cabinet Member requesting:
 - A further briefing on the provision around each Play Centre;
 - Take into consideration the views of Play Service users on the support and advice to help develop their plans for the service;
 - The views of the play centre representative; and
 - A further report upon completion of the Play Sufficiency Assessment.

4. The Cabinet Member subsequently responded that the information requested would be supplied when available, and that in respect of the support for Play Centres, development officers would be provided to work with each group.

Key Issues

5. The new delivery model is based on the premise of the Council working with partners and the community to develop a dynamic service approach which is both accessible and responsive to the needs of children and young people. The model will be developed on the following three principles:
 - Community Play provision will be targeted at 5 – 14 years olds to enable a transition between the Flying Start service (0 – 4) and Youth Services Provision (15 – 25);
 - There will be a move away from delivery in traditional play centres to a flexible model of community outreach in accessible venues across each of the city's six Neighbourhood Partnership areas;
 - there will be a targeted approach to provision based on the needs of communities, and the evidence prepared as part of the play Sufficiency Assessment to be completed by 31st March 2016;
6. As part of the delivery of existing service provision and whilst the transfer of buildings are progressed, for a period of no longer than 12 months the existing Play Team will be relocated to Youth Centres based in the 6 Neighbourhood Partnership areas. From these centres they will continue to deliver existing core play provision through outreach work in various community settings, after school and holiday club opportunities from a range of community based facilities within Neighbourhood Partnership Areas. This will reflect and complement the new Youth Services Delivery

Model to enable transition of young people between the different age groups.

Scope of Scrutiny

7. The Committee will receive a verbal report, focussing on a case study of the transfer of Llanedeyrn Play Centre to the 1st Pentwyn Scouts. Members will also have the opportunity to hear the views of a representative from the Scouts Association and comments from the leader of the 1st Pentwyn Scouts Group, as to their views on the process and will be available to answer any questions Members may have.
8. Councillor Peter Bradbury (Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives & Social Enterprise) has been invited and may make a statement. Malcolm Stammers (Operational Manager, Leisure and Play) will provide the verbal briefing and will be available to answer any questions Members may have.
9. At this meeting Members may wish to consider how the New Delivery Model for Children's Play has been implemented, in this particular case, and pass on any observations, comments or recommendations to Cabinet Member and Director of City Operations.

Way Forward

10. Members may wish to comment on the verbal progress report, submit any comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member and Director of City Operations, and consider any issues for further investigation.

Legal Implications

11. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the

matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet / Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

12. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. These financial implications will need to be considered before any changes are implemented. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to consider the information contained in the verbal briefing, and submit any comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member and Director of City Operations.

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