

DIRECTORS' REPORT SPRING TERM 2019	ITEM NO 22	FOR INFORMATION/ FOR ACTION	ATTENTION OF: All governors
TITLE	Have your say – Ealing Children's Centres consultation		
SUMMARY	Ealing's Children's Centres Strategy 2019-2022 sets out a proposal that will deliver a net saving of £808,000 in 2021/22 which will be achieved by significantly reorganising 11 centres		
KEY ACTION POINTS	A 12-week public and stakeholder consultation will be held from 22 February to 17 May 2019. The strategy document, an on-line survey and printed version, can be downloaded from the Family Services Directory and the Council's consultation page from 18 February 2019 at: www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk and www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations		
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The total grant Ealing Council receives has been reduced by £143.7m over the last decade, the equivalent of a 64% funding reduction and greater than the London and national average. To operate within budget in future years, the council must deliver savings of £57m over the next three fiscal years. Savings proposals to deliver a balanced budget have been driven through the Future Ealing Programme.

Ealing's Children's Centres Strategy 2019-2022 sets out a proposal that will deliver a net saving of £808,000 in 2021/22 which will be achieved by significantly reorganising 11 centres. These changes may impact across all children's centres as some services will be displaced and others cease. A public consultation will be held from 22 February until 17 May. Depending on this consultation and negotiation with organisations that currently support the delivery of services in children centres, a small number of centres might close.

Ealing's strategy to reconfigure children centres will be informed by the following principles:

- Prioritise vulnerable young children's 0- 5 years access to alternative service arrangements e.g. those with disabilities and special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) (currently 631); those subject to a statutory safeguarding plan (currently 216) and those living in poverty (10,328)
- Improve access to high quality childcare on children's centres sites by expanding where practicable the number of childcare places available to vulnerable children
- Use intensive home visiting for those families with very high levels of vulnerabilities who might be excluded from essential services without this support and this has been built into the new National Health Service (NHS) contract for Early Start 0-19 (September 2018)
- Timetable activity across the wider children's centre network to minimise disruption to and protect access to services by vulnerable young children and their families
- Maintain a geographic spread of children's centres across the borough so that access is protected as far as possible
- Retain integration with pathways to more acute services, to ensure that the preventative opportunity of early intervention is maximised
- Reschedule activities such as statutory health checks across the remaining children's centre estate, to minimise disruption to services whilst protecting access to services by vulnerable young children and their families. This will be supported by some services being delivered during the evening and weekends which is now built into the new Early Start contract (September 2018)

- Phase changes over sufficient time to minimise disruption to young children, parents and carers in terms of maintaining their relationships with professionals and services
- Continue to actively share information to allow parents and carers to understand any planned changes to service delivery and make informed choices to access appropriate services.

Children's centre	Main offer retained	Current Linked Site offer retained	Service offer reconfigured
Islip Manor	✓		
South Acton	✓		
Hanwell	✓		
Grove House	✓		
Perivale	✓		
Log Cabin	✓		
Academy Gardens locality	✓		
Grange		✓	
Greenfields		✓	
Hathaway		✓	
John Perryn		✓	
Limetrees		✓	
Maples		✓	
Petts Hill		✓	
Southall Park		✓	
St John's (Jubilee)		✓	
Acton Park			✓
Copley			✓
Dormers Wells			✓
Havelock			✓
Horsenden			✓
Northolt Park			✓
North Ealing			✓
Windmill			✓
Windmill Park			✓
West Twyford			✓
Wood End			✓