

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CENTRE REVIEW</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: JG Jarvis (Leader), AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, PM Morgan, PD Price (Deputy Leader), DB Wilcox
Date of Decision:	14 June 2012
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because It is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on- Two or more Wards or electoral divisions;	
The item was included in the Forward Plan	
Purpose:	For Cabinet to be informed of the findings from the children centre services consultation and agree a course of action to determine the future delivery model.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>taking account of the views expressed through the consultation, a 'mixed market' model of children centre services delivery be adopted;</b></p> <p>(b) <b>the core purpose specification for services for families with young children be developed through the forthcoming root &amp; branch review using the results of this consultation; and</b></p> <p>(c) <b>a south city children's centre is re-designated to a nursery to meet increased demand, and the Director for People's Services be delegated authority to determine which centre is re-designated taking account of the outcome of ongoing feasibility work.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	These recommendations are the result of the findings of a detailed consultation, which will enable the council to fulfil its duty to provide children centre services within the budget available, and in a way which best meets service user needs. It takes into consideration the current government thinking around the delivery of the core purpose and future statutory guidance due later this year.

Options Considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 It is a statutory requirement to provide children centre services; however the delivery model is a matter for local determination.</li><li>2 The provision of additional nursery places could be left to the local market to respond to; however demand based on provision for 3-4 year olds already exceeds supply and it is therefore unlikely that an increase in demand will be met.</li></ol>
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	21 June 2012

<b>COUNCILLOR JG JARVIS</b> .....Date: 14 June 2012 <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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<b>To be completed by officer:</b>	
Date consent received from Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
If no any comment(s) to be noted	
Date original decision took effect:	21 June 2012