

Children and Young People Select Committee			
Title	Lewisham Children and Family Centre Offer	Item No	7
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. This report describes and summarises the Lewisham Children's and Family Centres offer.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to note and comment on the content of this report describing the Lewisham children and families centres offer.

3. Background

- 3.1. The current Lewisham Children and Family Centre (CFC) offer was commissioned in April 2017 and runs until 30 March 2020.
- 3.2. The Service is delivered through 3 separate contracts operating across the borough.
 - Pre-school Learning Alliance and Clyde Nursery School (working in partnership with Beecroft Garden, Marvels Lane and Kilmorie Schools)
 - Kelvin Grove/Eliot Bank Children and Family Centre
 - Donderry Children and Family Centre
- 3.3. Children and Family Centres form a key part of Lewisham's Early Help offer across the borough providing a wide range of activities to give children and families the best start in life from universal drop in sessions to targeted and innovative Domestic Violence programmes and Psychological Therapies.
- 3.4. The Select Committee is asked to note the attached PowerPoint document which gives an overview of Lewisham's Children and Family Centre offer.

4. Policy context

Local Policy Context

- 4.1 The services outlined in this report are relevant to the Council's strategic priorities, in particular:
- *Young People's Achievement and Involvement* – raising educational attainment and improving facilities for young people through partnership working
 - *Protection of Children* – better safeguarding and joined up services for children at risk
 - *Community Leadership and Empowerment* – developing opportunities for the active participation and engagement of people in the life of the community
- 4.1 The Children and Family Centres service is also in line with the strategic priorities outlined in Lewisham's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2020, specifically:
- *Ambitious and achieving* – inspire our young people to achieve their full potential by removing barriers to learning
- 4.2 In addition, Lewisham's Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) 2015-18 establishes how partner agencies will continue to work together to improve those outcomes that will make significant improvements to the life-chances of our children and young people. The CYPP identifies four priority outcome areas:
- *Build resilience* – we want our children and young people to be resilient, knowing when and where to go for help and support when faced with challenges and adversities as they arise. We also want our parents and workforce to be equipped to identify and respond to presenting needs amongst children and young people, intervening early and preventing escalation wherever possible
 - *Be healthy and active* – we want our children, young people and their families to be healthy and active, confident and able to make healthy lifestyle choices and to have an understanding of how this can improve their development and wellbeing
 - *Raise achievement and attainment* – we want our children and young people to achieve highly, supported by the best education, employment and training opportunities
 - *Stay safe* – as a partnership, we will support the right of every child to live in a safe and secure environment, free from abuse, neglect and harm

5. Financial implications

- 5.1 The budget for Children and Family Centres, which includes service provision, ICT infrastructure, and building maintenance is £2,576,279.
- 5.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. Legal implications

6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7. Crime and disorder implications

7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7.2 Research shows that early intervention to support young children early in life can reduce likelihood of involvement in crime later in life.

8. Equalities implications

8.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

8.2 Use of the CFCs is monitored by the protected characteristics. The provision is geared towards supporting those who are economically disadvantaged and who require additional support.

9. Environmental implications

9.1 None

Background documents and originator

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