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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to:
– James Kinsella (ext.4041)

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1/23/14-15	Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection	Wednesday 24 September 2014	Part 1	Redefining Enfield Children's Centres	Non-Key Decision	All	Yes Tuesday 23 Sept 2014	1

DECISIONS

For additional copies or further details please contact James Kinsella (020 8379 4041), Governance Team.

LIST REFERENCE: 1/23/14-15

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT

REDEFINING ENFIELD CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision to come into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection (Councillor Orhan)	Wednesday 24 September 2014	None	Non-Key	Diana Weston Tel: 0208 379 5349	Yes Tuesday 23 Sept 2014

DECISION

AGREED: subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Wednesday 24 September 2014:

- To approve a statutory 12 week public consultation October 2014 to January 2015 on the option to create 5 Hub and Spoke Centres.
- To note the intention for Cabinet to consider the consultation findings and proposals on 11 February 2015.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Option 2:10 Hubs
This is not recommended for consultation as would require more administration and management and site running costs. There would be significantly less flexibility to re-direct resources to front line needed to improve services and Ofsted inspection readiness. Furthermore commissioned partners would continue to lack the capacity to provide services across the entire network.

Option 3: Full closures of Centres and their services
This is not recommended for consultation, as closure of centres would reduce centre front-line services to the public. It would also not be popular and would prevent the Council achieving statutory requirements in terms of Children's Centre delivery and of the Two Year Old Offer. It could also make the Council liable to significant capital grant claw back (total liabilities are £10,385,000 should centres close).

Option 4: No Change
Whilst staff are highly skilled, dedicated and do some inspiring work with children and families in Enfield, the structure is over-fragmented and inefficient. It is concluded that the changes needed to improve performance and make savings are not achievable under the current structure.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option (1) selected for consultation would have the following advantages by:

- Enduring services are fit for purpose for families and children in the area.
- Reducing the number of Ofsted inspections needed in the short term.
- Uniting a fragmented system, making this easier and better value to operate.
- Providing flexibility for potential savings, should they need to be made.

BACKGROUND:

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available via the Decision List link on the Council's Democracy page, as the Part 2 report contains exempt information it will not be available for press and public.