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This addendum should be read in conjunction with the 'Consultation paper on proposed changes to Haringey's Children's Centres and children's centre services' of which it forms part.

**Addendum to Consultation paper on proposed changes to Haringey's Children's Centres and children's centre services  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

- 1** The consultation period ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 and Members and officers have been engaging with a large number of interested parties and hearing views on the consultation proposals. We are now mid-way through this consultation period and a number of factors are emerging that are likely to have a significant impact on the likely decisions that will be made in relation to the future of our centres.
- 2** The consultation document makes it clear that we will have to close Children's Centres if the financial appraisal suggests that we are unable to maintain high quality, effective services across all centres. So far, a number of consultation responses have suggested that we should seriously consider this if we are to deliver our aspiration to make sure that our most vulnerable families, living in our most deprived areas have access to provision that reduces their vulnerability and improves their life chances.



- 3** Legal advice at this point is that we should name centres that are potentially at risk of closure or substantial changes are likely to be made to the existing service offer. We have a duty to ensure that sufficient provision is made to meet local need, taking into account the needs of the most deprived families. Therefore if we decide to close centres, this will be because:
- they are not located in areas of the highest level of deprivation – the map included in appendix 1 of the document sets this out in detail; and/or
  - they are located in areas of high deprivation but there are similar provisions that are close enough to extend their reach and where economies can be achieved by having a single centre rather than 2 or even 3 separate provisions where economies of scale can be achieved.
- 4** We are continuing to work on the financial appraisals of the delivery models and at this point, it appears likely that funding from the Early Intervention Grant will be discontinued from some or all of the following Children's Centres:
- **Highgate** – not in area of high deprivation – may be able to run service and charge fees;
  - **Northbank** – not in an area of high deprivation and close to similar provision in Barnet;
  - **Stonecroft** – reduction of range of services and increased focus on childcare offer;
  - **Woodside** – reduction of range of services and increased focus on childcare offer; and
  - **Rokesly** – new provision in local school– proposal not to proceed with a full offer of Children's Centre services.
- 5** Currently there are three centres that are linked sites:
- Tower Gardens
  - Downhills
  - Bruce Grove
- We hope to offer some services from these sites but this will be determined in the final model and within the available resources constraints.
- 6** Although we have set out potential closures of Children's Centres, we will ensure that a full service offer is available to all families that need it within each cluster.

A copy of the 'Consultation paper on proposed changes to Haringey's Children's Centres and children's centre services' can be obtained from children's centres, our website [www.haringey.gov.uk/cc-consultation](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/cc-consultation) or by calling **020 8489 2582** or **020 8489 1002**.