

Member Briefing

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Title: Over and Greenfields Children's Centre consultation

Summary: This briefing reminds of a 30 day consultation that closes on Friday 16 March. The consultation is seeking views regarding the proposed re-registration and opening of Over Children's Centre as a main site and the change of designation of Greenfields Children's Centre from a main to a linked site.

Background

Children's Centres deliver child and family health services for children, young people and families in west Cheshire. Following the recent commissioning of the Starting Well Service, the centres offer advice and support on health and wellbeing issues for pre-natal parents through to young people aged up to 19 years, extending to 25 years for people with special educational needs or disabilities.

Currently there are two main children's centres in the Winsford area:

- Greenfields
- Wharton

Until 2015 there was also a children's centre in Over, however this was de-registered following a public consultation. The building has continued to house Sunrise Nursery and Homestart family support service.

What are we consulting on?

Our vision for Winsford is to make services easily available for the people who need them most. We are asking for views on two options.

- Option 1: Greenfields Children's Centre to remain as a main children's centre.
Over Children's Centre to remain closed.
- Option 2: Over Children's Centre to be re-registered and opened as a main children's centre.
Greenfields Children's Centre to change to a linked site (providing further services tailored to meet the needs of local children).

The consultation and getting involved

The consultation closes on Friday 16 March.

Full details about the consultation and the proposed options are available on the Council's website: cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/overandgreenfieldsconsultation.

There are a number of ways people can provide feedback including:

- an online questionnaire
- a hard copy booklet and questionnaire available in children's centres and libraries in Winsford, at Over Hall Community School and Oak View Academy.

The consultation is the opportunity for people to let us know their views on the proposals before decisions are made.

Posters and postcards have been produced to help promote the consultation. They are displayed in children's centres and libraries in Winsford, Over Hall Community School and Oak View Academy. If you would like a small supply of postcards to help promote the consultation in your constituency please email:
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Analysis of the survey responses will inform a report to Cabinet in May 2018.

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