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City of  
**Stoke-on-Trent**

**Children and Family Services**  
Civic Centre Glebe Street  
Stoke-on-Trent  
ST4 1HH

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Stoke-on-Trent City Council – Budget Consultation January 2022**

We are writing to inform you that Stoke-on-Trent City Council is currently undertaking a public consultation in relation to proposed changes to some Children’s Centres. Your views are important to us and we would welcome your feedback in relation to the proposals.

Stoke-on-Trent City Council is proposing to develop a ‘family hub’ model to deliver services for children and families. This means delivering services for families from a range of buildings within local communities, providing outreach support and delivering some services online.

We think this will allow us to focus our resources on those services that make the most difference to families by reducing spend on the administration, maintenance and management of our buildings. The proposal also aims to build on the changing ways that people use our services.

We are committed to continuing to deliver the best quality services in local communities using different facilities and through different means of delivery to ensure that families most in need of help and support can still access it easily. The number of services available in other local venues will increase as part of this proposal to ensure children of all ages continue to receive the right support when they need it most.

We are proposing to retain five centres and develop them into family hubs within the government’s definition. They are:

- Stoke North
- Tunstall
- Thomas Boughey
- Westfield
- Stoke

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We are proposing to transfer two of the current centres to third party organisations no later than April 2023. They may or may not remain legally designated Children's Centres, subject to negotiation with third sector organisations. They are:

- Burslem
- Treehouse

Finally, we are proposing to close three Children's Centres and relocate the services currently offered within them into other local facilities which may include schools and community centres situated in close proximity to the current Children's Centre site. They are:

- Blurton Children's Centre
- The Crescent Children's Centre
- Norton Children's Centre

Services will not be reduced. It is proposed that services will continue to be delivered by different means and in some cases, move to alternative venues including remaining children's centres, schools, community centres and other local venues close to the current Children's Centre.

You can also read about the proposals in full at;

[www.stoke.gov.uk/childrencentresconsultation](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/childrencentresconsultation)

To share your feedback you can also get in touch in the following ways:

- You can write to us at the below address:  
**Budget 2021, Civic Centre, Glebe Street, Stoke on Trent, ST4 1HH**
- You can call **01782 234234** and ask for more information about the proposals.
- You can email us at [ChildrenCentreFeedback@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:ChildrenCentreFeedback@stoke.gov.uk)

In line with current Covid guidance, we will also be holding a public meeting online on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm – 2pm. If you would like to attend, please send your email address to [ChildrenCentreFeedback@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:ChildrenCentreFeedback@stoke.gov.uk) no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm.

**Please submit your feedback no later than 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

**Niki Clemo**  
**Interim Director of Children and Family Services**

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