

Council Run Day Nurseries

Overview

Birmingham City Council operates 14 day care nurseries across the city

Around 600 children attend across all the 14 nurseries each week and the nurseries currently employ approximately 120 staff.

The nurseries are running at a loss so the purpose of this consultation is to find a more cost-effective way of delivering these services.

This consultation is not related to the 27 nursery schools.

More information about the day nurseries and this consultation is available in the presentation document attached below.

Meetings

Public meetings have been arranged at all of the 14 Council run day nurseries during the consultation period. The dates and times can be found listed below and in the attached document.

Other formats:

If you would like a shorter version of the budget consultation document, this can be found in the 'related documents' section below.

If you would like a copy of the questionnaire in another format, please email: CouncilDayNurseries@birmingham.gov.uk

If you're not able to fill in the survey online, you can use the print version of the survey, found in the related documents section below. Completed printed surveys can be returned to any of the 14 day nurseries or emailed to CouncilDayNurseries@birmingham.gov.uk.

A bit about you and the services you use.

The questions within this section are for us to find out more about you and your current use of the council run day nurseries in Birmingham.

Full details about our proposals and consultation is included in the **Day Nurseries Cabinet Report 12.12.2017**

<<https://birmingham.cmis.uk.com/birmingham/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/10029/Committee/2/Default.aspx>> (item 13)

1 Of the descriptions below, which best describes you (Tick all that apply):

Please select all that apply

- Parent, or guardian, of a child aged 0-5 years
 Friend or relative of a nursery user
 Nursery staff member
 A member of the general public
 Local ward councillor/MP
 Representative of an organisation (please specify below)
 Prefer not to say
 Other (please specify below)

2 What is your postcode or which area/ward do you live in (optional)?

3 If you are a parent, guardian or carer, do you have children currently using one of the council run day nurseries? If so, how many?

Please select all that apply

Yes No

Number of children accessing a nursery place:

4 How old is your child/ren? (Please tick all boxes that apply)

Please select all that apply

0-1 years 2-3 years 4-5 years

If you have more than one child in the same age category please tell us how many here

5 Would you describe your child as having health, SEND or development needs that would require additional support?

Please select all that apply

Yes (please provide more information below) No Don't know Prefer not to say

6 If you are not currently using one of the fourteen nurseries would you consider using one of them in the future?

Please select all that apply

Yes No Don't know

7 How do you and your family usually travel to the nursery? (Tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

On foot Bus Train Car Taxi Other (please specify below)

8 Please tell us which nursery your family have used. (Tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

Bertram Nursery Birchfield Nursery Cherry Tree Nursery
 Golden Start Nursery @ Golden Hillock Children's Centre Kitts Green Nursery Ladywood Nursery
 Lime Tree Nursery Oaklands Nursery Park Road Nursery Reameadow Nursery Soho Nursery
 St Benedicts Nursery Summerfield Nursery Sunshine Nursery @ Anthony Road Children's Centre

9 What is it that you like about your preferred nursery? (Tick all that apply)*Please select all that apply*

- Close to home Close to school / college Close to work
 The quality of the day care services provided at this nursery The quality/experience of the nursery staff
 Because it is run by Birmingham City Council (please explain why below) Cost Parking facilities
 On a convenient bus route I work / volunteer at this Nursery Other (please specify below)

The three ideas we are proposing

There are 14 Council run day nurseries across Birmingham. All of the nurseries combined cater for approximately 600 children each week and employ one hundred and twenty staff.

Deficits have been on average approximately £600,000 per year and a similar amount is forecast for this year despite efforts to reduce this.

Over recent years, much work has been undertaken to improve the current business model. Some of what has already taken place includes the increasing of fee rates to support income generation and a review of staff deployment. Extensive reviews of each nursery have also been carried out to establish where any other savings could be made.

10 The first idea that we are consulting on is to continue to run any nurseries that are financially self-sustaining and close the remaining nurseries. Do you agree this is an idea we should be considering?*Please select all that apply*

- Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Please provide your reasons for this answer

11 The second idea we are consulting on is to close all the nurseries and offer the buildings to other childcare providers to continue providing a service. Do you agree this is an idea we should be considering?*Please select all that apply*

- Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Please provide your reasons for this answer

12 The third idea we are consulting on is to continue to operate any nursery that is situated within an area of need where an alternative provider to the Council cannot be identified. Do you agree this is an idea we should be considering?

Please select all that apply

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Please provide your reasons for this answer

The three ideas we are proposing continued

13 Would you be interested in running a nursery, if yes which nursery might you consider and the key factors to influence your decision?"

Please select all that apply

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Key factors:

Please select all that apply

Area/proximity Cost State of repair of the building Sufficiency needs Going Concern (business)
 Fully vacant building Other (please explain further below)

14 Given the financial constraints of continuing to operate the nurseries and the work already undertaken to make them viable, do you have any other comments or suggestions you would like to make?

15 If you would like to leave your contact details please do so here.

Telephone number:

Email address:

Equalities Information

16 Age: Which age group applies to you?*Please select only one item*

- 0 - 4 5 - 9 10 - 14 15 - 17 18 - 19 20 - 24 25 - 29 30 - 34 35 - 39
 40 - 44 45 - 49 50 - 54 55 - 59 60 - 64 65 - 69 70 - 74 75 - 79 80 - 84
 85+

17 Sex/Gender: What is your sex?*Please select only one item*

- Male Female

18 Disability: Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more?*Please select only one item*

- Yes No Prefer not to say

19 Sexual Orientation: What is your Sexual Orientation?*Please select only one item*

- Bisexual Gay or Lesbian Heterosexual or Straight Other Prefer not to say

20 Religion: What is your religion or belief?*Please select only one item*

- No Religion Christian (including church of England, Catholic, Protestant, and all other Christian denominators)
 Buddhists Hindu Jewish Muslim Sikh Any other religion (please specify)

21 Ethnicity: What is your ethnic group?*Please select only one item*

- White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British Other White background (please specify)

Please select only one item

- Mixed/multiple ethnic groups Asian/Asian British Black African/Caribbean/Black British
 Other ethnic group (please specify)