

SOCIAL AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE
26 March 2013 at 7.00 pm

Further to the recent despatch of agenda and papers for the above meeting, please find the following item(s) which were marked as 'to follow':

9. **Feedback from Members' Visits (To Follow)** (Pages 1 - 2)

- Dunton Green Sure Start Centre 19 March 2013

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VISIT REPORT

SOCIAL AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE - 19 MARCH 2013 AT 1PM

<p>Name of Organisation: Dunton Green Sure Start Children's Centre</p>
<p>Name of contact at the Organisation: Ian Shelley, CIW (Community Involvement Worker)</p>
<p>Address of the Organisation: London Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UP. Tel: 01732 451136. Email: DuntonGreenchildrenscentre@Kent.gov.uk</p>
<p>Please summarise the work of the organisation: An Early Years Intervention Sure Start Scheme to make sure children from deprived/difficult backgrounds get a similar start in life to people born in more prosperous settings. This was a purpose built phase 3 signposting pod with the aim to make links with the village but is now an integral part of the community. They can take a maximum of 12 adults and their children for a variety of activities including weighing babies. They work hand in hand with Social Services and run parenting groups and courses as well as activities (music, craft etc) for children. They cater for anything to do with the Early Years Foundation Stage (0-5 years) looking at playing, healthy eating, home safety, standards of living, social problems (alcohol/drug abuse) and anti social behaviour. Anyone with a child aged 0-5 can use the service but they particularly target travellers, ethnic minorities, people with social problems. Aim to stop people falling through the net. To give parents confidence to build their lives and signpost other places where they can get help where necessary – example further education. Be a place for isolated parents to meet others and support each other.</p>
<p>What are the main challenges faced by the organisation? Getting as many people through the door as possible</p>
<p>Do their clients come from the Sevenoaks District or a wider area? Kemsing, Shoreham, Otford, Riverhead and a small bit of Sevenoaks Town</p>
<p>Who mainly refers clients to them? How do people know about their services? They bring themselves in, the centre finds them, Midwives, Health visitors, Schools, pre-schools, Neighbours, SDC</p>
<p>Who are their primary funders? KCC</p>
<p>Do they benefit from any contact with the District Council? Yes. They work closely with Kelly Webb and her team as well attending Gypsy Liaison Meetings and Steering Groups.</p>

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If so, can this be improved (within existing resources)?