

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE
REPORT FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

15th OCTOBER 2024

De-registration of all designated Children's Centres within North Yorkshire consultation responses and recommendation.

Report of the Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

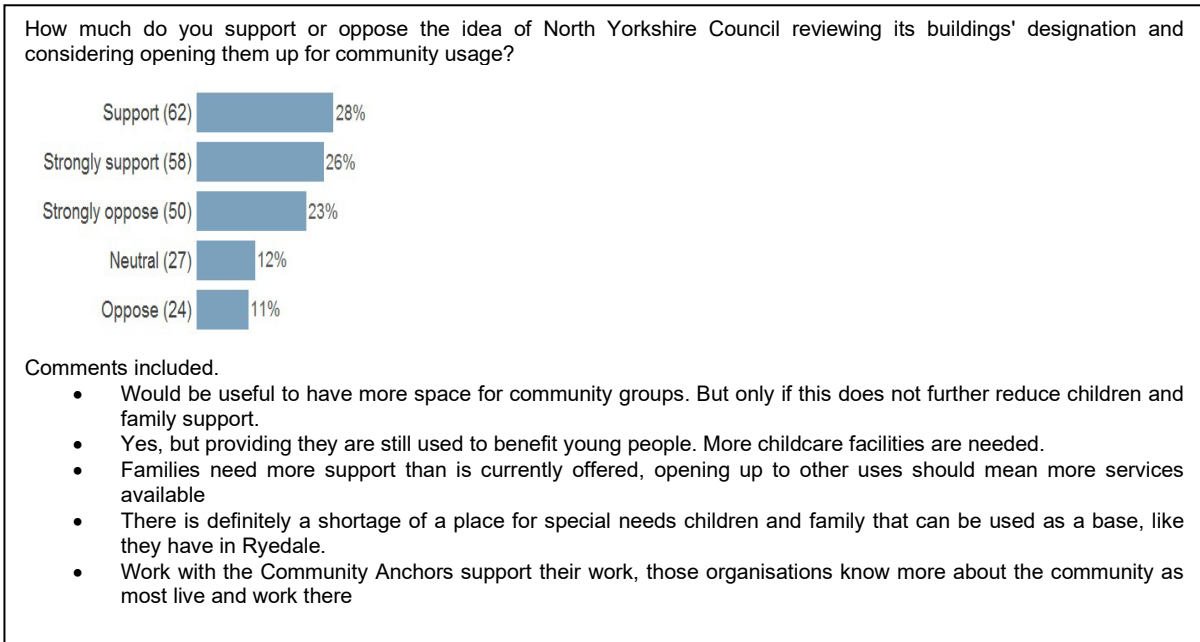
- 1.1 To provide a summary of the consultation response on the de-registration of the remaining designated Children's Centres in North Yorkshire.
- 1.2 To seek approval to de-register the designated Children's Centres.

2.0 BACKGROUND

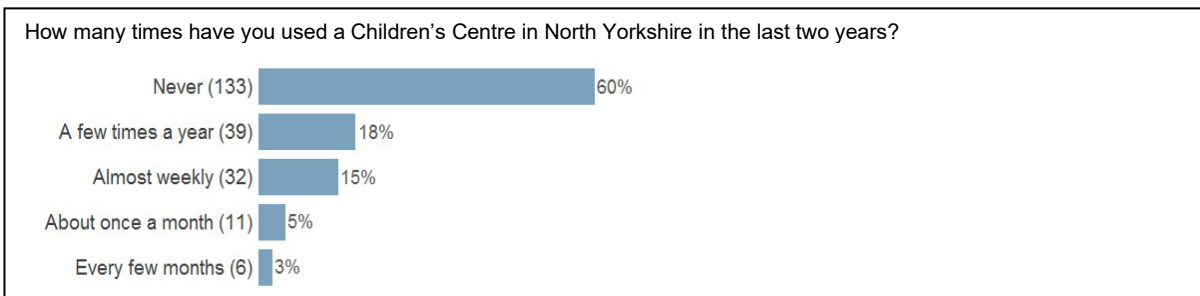
- 2.1 Statutory guidance from the Department for Education states that any building currently registered as a designated Children's Centres will need to be de-registered with the DfE following the Sure Start Children's Centre Statutory guidance. The guidance recommends consultation with stakeholders prior to any change.
[Sure Start children's centres statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/131122/sure_start_childrens_centres_statutory_guidance.pdf)
- 2.2 Approval to consult on the de-registration of all remaining designated Children's Centres was previously granted approval by exec member and Director of Children and Families Service in August 2024. Details of the centres are featured in the main body of the report, section 4.0
- 2.3 The online consultation commenced on 27th August 2024 and closed on 23rd September 2024. The consultation asked as series of 5 questions to both explore the support to the closure but also to gather the views on opportunities for the potential use of these buildings in the future. The questions and summary of responses are covered in section 3 of the report.

3.0 QUESTION ASKED AND RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATION

3.1 Overall 224 respondents completed this questionnaire, of these 120 respondents (54%) strongly supported or supported the reviewing the Children’s Centres designation and a further 27 (12%) were neutral. 74 respondents (34%) either strongly opposed or opposed the proposal.

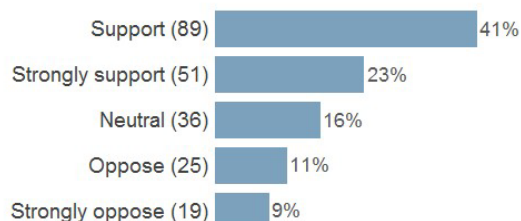


3.2 Of the 224 respondents 133 (60%) had never used a Children’s Centre in the last year



3.3 Of the 224 respondents 140 (64%) supported or strongly supported the opportunity to rationalise future use of buildings and a further 36 respondents neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal.

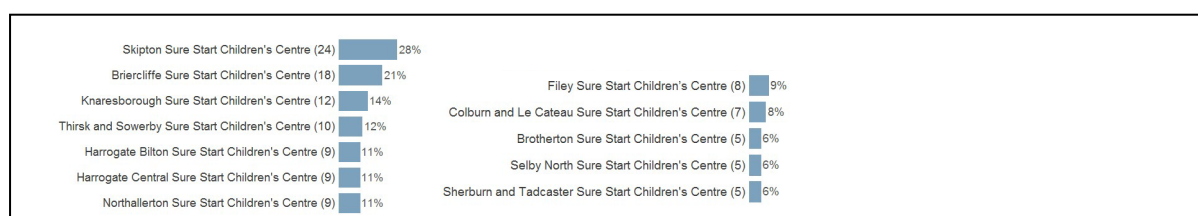
Do you support or oppose, the bringing together of services in buildings to rationalise the future use of buildings?



Comments included.

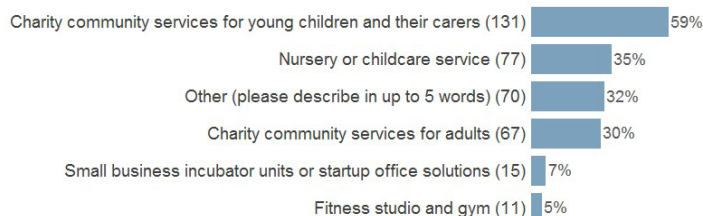
- if a building is not needed for its original or most recent purpose due to changes in society, then consider other community uses.
- We have to maximise the usage of the buildings, for the benefit of everyone. Activities which provide people of ages recreation and charity
- I feel that if it means the buildings will be saved and be useful to the community it's important to review the usage.
- Now you cannot see a health visitor or meet new parents post-natal depression prevention is vital there is v little support for new parent
- Very important for all community groups to have facilities to meet up, particularly for the social impact and mental health.
- North Yorkshire shouldn't be profiting they should be improving services. These buildings could be small classrooms for specialist teaching.
- Return Sure Start centres to their original purpose and provide desperately needed care for families with children aged 0-5. Midwife/HV care
- I believe that services who are placed together and run by people who can actually talk to each other is beneficial for all.
- They could be a one stop shop for whole community support with charities working alongside council?

3.4 Respondents were asked to identify which building they had used in the last year, with Skipton having the greatest use by 24 respondents and 6 buildings not being identified by any of the respondents. It is evident from 3.1 responses that some respondents were accessing more than one Childrens Centre



3.5 The consultation also explored opportunities the council could consider in the future for the use of the buildings.

If a building in your community was to change its use, what would you like to see it be used for?



Other responses included;

- Return to the school.
- Children with disabilities – clubs or spaces
- Bookable rooms
- Music and arts hub
- Youth clubs – spaces for teenagers
- Remain as Childrens Centre
- Community hubs services for all ages
- Baby and toddler groups
- Weigh and stay clinics.
- Extend early years provision funded places.

3.6 Within the consultation period a small number of schools & an Early Years provided contacted the service directly raising safeguarding concerns about the future use of buildings and also an interest in securing their own future use of the building. Reassurance was given to the school that for these buildings, where changes to future use was being explored discussion would be first be held with themselves.

4.0 CHILDRENS CENTRES INVOLVED IN THE CONSULTATION

4.1 The table below illustrates the location of the building, designation status and the amount of capital investment The notes section identifies any relevant information in relation to the building.

Children's Centre	Sure Start Funding (£)	Notes
Filey Sure Start Children's Centre	750,000	Located on Filey infant School site A private day Nursey is co-located within the building.
Whitby & District Sure Start Children's Centre	311,236	Located on Stakesby CP School Site
Briercliffe Sure Start Children's Centre	1,050,000	Located on Barrowcliffe School site costs include Garage and ventilation
Friarage Sure Start Children's Centre	423,009	Located on Friarage CP school site
Thirsk & Sowerby Sure Start Children's Centre	773,168	Located on Thirsk CP school site
Northallerton Sure Start Children's Centre -	496,540	Located on Alverton CP school site
Carnagill Sure Start Children's Centre	528,261	Located on Carnagill CP school site
Colburn & Le Cateau Sure Start Children's Centre	435,000	Adjoining a public library
Selby North Sure Start Children's Centre	104,000	Located on Selby CP school site - Workplace costs include those for the Children's Centre & The Cabin (Adult Learning) - can't fully split
Selby South Sure Start Children's Centre	200,000	Located on Barwick Parade CP school site.
Sherburn and Tadcaster Sure Start Children's Centre -	0	Located within Sherburn Library Base
Brotherton Sure Start Children's Centre	838,011	Private day nursery co-located within the building.
Central Ryedale Sure Start Children's Centre	494,389	Norton CP school site
North Craven Sure Start Children's Centre	75,000	Hellifield CP school site Workplace costs include those for the Children's Centre & Settle Resources Centre - can't fully split
Skipton Sure Start Children's Centre	2,858,135	Located within Skipton CP school Brougham street - Private Nursery also co-located on site
Harrogate Bilton Sure Start Children's Centre	330,040	Located on Woodfield CP School Base
Harrogate Central Sure Start Children's Centre	1,764,244	Located on Saltersgate CP School Base
Knaresborough Sure Start Children's Centre	803,000	Workplace costs include those for the Children's Centre & rest of the Manor Road site - can't fully split

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A number of children's centres received Sure Start funding as a capital investment, as highlighted in the table above. As part of this process the DfE could request financial clawback on the Sure Start Capital funding to a maximum total of £12,234,032 - see risk section below

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There is a duty to consult on any changes to Designated Children's Centres. Statutory guidance from the Department for Education means that recipients must have regard to it when carrying out duties relating to children's centres under the Childcare Act 2006. Any building currently registered as a designated children's centres will need to be de-registered with the DfE following the de-registration guidance.

[Sure Start children's centres statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

6.2 The guidance recommends consultation with stakeholders prior to any change. Although all of the centres included in this report have been closed since the start of the covid-19 pandemic and have not re-opened subsequently, there remains a need to follow the statutory guidance. The consultation explained how the local authority will continue to meet the needs of families with children under five as part of any reorganisation of services.

7.0 IMPACT ON OTHER SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS

7.1 There are no identified detrimental impacts on other services or organisations.

8.0 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There is a potential risk (assessed as low) that the Department for Education may request a funding clawback on Sure Start capital investment equating to a maximum amount of £12,234,032. All these building have been open over a period of more than 10 years therefore if clawback is requested this would be at a decreasing level due to period each individual building has been open.

8.2 Between 2014 and 2016, NYC (formally NYC) de-registered and closed 13 Children's Centres with a total Sure Start capital investment of £3,643,140 and a further £1,317,146 in 2023 of which there has been no previous financial clawback.

9.0 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no identified Human Resource implications.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Over the last two years, during and following the pandemic, Early Help redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which families can access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of buildings. This has removed any impact on protected characteristics as the model has created greater access to the service.

10.2 An Equalities Impact Assessment had been undertaken and is attached Appendices 1

11.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The proposal identifies an opportunity for overall long-term positive impact on carbon reduction through reductions to the workplace property portfolio. The size of the workplace estate means that it is an important factor in the Council's overall carbon reduction plan, as a result when sites are vacated/ disposed of there is a positive impact as the overarching carbon footprint in relation to the workplace property portfolio will be reduced.

11.2 A Climate Change Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is attached as **Appendix 2.**

12.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The majority of respondents were in favour of the de-registration of the children's centres and rationalisation of building providing potential opportunities for alternative use of the buildings which included opportunities for an increase in early years provision, transferring the premises to schools, greater use by communities and opportunities for the development of community hubs.

12.2 The de-registration of the designated children's centres will not reduce the current services delivered to children and their families.

13.0 <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

13.1 To approve de-registration of the 18 Children centres

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NORTHALLERTON

Report Author – Barbara Merrygold
Presenter of report – Stuart Carlton

Attached documents

Appendices 1 EIA
Appendices 2 CCIA
Appendices 3a)b)c) Consultation responses Summary Reports.

Section 1. Please describe briefly what this EIA is about. (e.g. are you starting a new service, changing how you do something, stopping doing something?)

Remove the designation status of the 18 designated children's centres.
Children and Families service no longer offer a specific 0-5 service delivery model moving to a 0-19 service delivery model in 2025.

De-registration of the Children's Centres will allow much greater flexibility for future use of the spaces, increasing efficiencies which could lead to future savings.

Within North Yorkshire there are 18 remaining designated Children's Centres.

Section 2. Why is this being proposed? What are the aims? What does the authority hope to achieve by it? (e.g. to save money, meet increased demand, do things in a better way.)

The change of use and de-designation of a number Children's Centres. Statutory guidance from the Department for Education states that any building currently registered as a designated Children's Centres will need to be de-registered with the DfE following the Sure Start Children's Centre Statutory guidance. The guidance recommends consultation with stakeholders prior to any change.

[Sure Start children's centres statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/100000/sure_start_childrens_centres_statutory_guidance.pdf)

Prior to 2015 our Children and Families Service Early Help delivered sessions from a significant number of premises; however, since 2015 the use of some of these buildings had significantly reduced. This further reduced following the C&F restructure in March 2019.

In 2015 following a service review the Children and Families Service Early Help moved away from a 0-5-year model of delivery, with all children's centres moving to a 0-19 service model of delivery and Children's Centres becoming known as Children and Families Hubs.

In March 2019, as part of a service review Children and Families Service was committed to co-locating Early Help and Safeguarding teams where possible, to improve communications, share best practice and provide joined-up services for families. Over this period, there has been a review of all NYC properties (formally NYCC) and leased space across the county enabling greater co-location of staff including Children and Families Early Help Service and Safeguarding Teams.

Over the last four years, during and following the pandemic, Early Help redesigned the delivery of the activities to support children and their families moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of a countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home reducing the need for the same number of premises.

Section 3. What will change? What will be different for customers and/or staff?

De-registration of the Children’s Centres will allow much greater flexibility for future use of the spaces, increasing efficiencies which could lead to future savings.

During and following the pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families, moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of premises. This model of delivery is now embedded so customers will not experience any change in service.

Section 4. Involvement and consultation (What involvement and consultation has been done regarding the proposal and what are the results? What consultation will be needed and how will it be done?)

The proposal has been agreed in principle with CYPLT and North Yorkshire management Board. A 28 day online public consultation will take place open to stakeholders and service users. Evaluation from the public consultation supports the removal of the designation status

Section 5. What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?

Neutral cost but could be savings in the future

Section 6. How will this proposal affect people with protected characteristics?	No impact	Make things better	Make things worse	Why will it have this effect? Provide evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.
Age	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family’s home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Disability		x		As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family’s home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Sex	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family’s home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Race	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family’s home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Gender reassignment	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family’s home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Sexual orientation	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach

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Religion or belief	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Pregnancy or maternity	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Marriage or civil partnership	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access

Section 7. How will this proposal affect people who...	No impact	Make things better	Make things worse	Why will it have this effect? Provide evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.
...live in a rural area?		x		Workers already travel to people who live in rural communities. As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
...have a low income?		x		As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
...are carers (unpaid family or friend)?		x		As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access

Section 8. Geographic impact – Please detail where the impact will be (please tick all that apply)	
North Yorkshire wide	x
Craven district	
Hambleton district	
Harrogate district	
Richmondshire district	
Ryedale district	
Scarborough district	
Selby district	
If you have ticked one or more districts, will specific town(s)/village(s) be particularly impacted? If so, please specify below.	

Section 9. Will the proposal affect anyone more because of a combination of protected characteristics? (e.g. older women or young gay men) **State what you think the effect may be and why, providing evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.**

No

Section 10. Next steps to address the anticipated impact. Select one of the following options and explain why this has been chosen. (Remember: we have an anticipatory duty to make reasonable adjustments so that disabled people can access services and work for us)	Tick option chosen
1. No adverse impact - no major change needed to the proposal. There is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact identified.	x
2. Adverse impact - adjust the proposal - The EIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. We will change our proposal to reduce or remove these adverse impacts, or we will achieve our aim in another way which will not make things worse for people.	
3. Adverse impact - continue the proposal - The EIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. We cannot change our proposal to reduce or remove these adverse impacts, nor can we achieve our aim in another way which will not make things worse for people. (There must be compelling reasons for continuing with proposals which will have the most adverse impacts. Get advice from Legal Services)	
4. Actual or potential unlawful discrimination - stop and remove the proposal – The EIA identifies actual or potential unlawful discrimination. It must be stopped.	
Explanation of why option has been chosen. (Include any advice given by Legal Services.)	

Section 11. If the proposal is to be implemented how will you find out how it is really affecting people? (How will you monitor and review the changes?)

Service users may not be aware of the impact, as the direct work will continue. We regularly collect and monitor service user feedback so would use this to review the effectiveness of the service. During and following the pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families, moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of premises. This model of delivery is now embedded so customers will not experience any change in service.

Section 12. Action plan. List any actions you need to take which have been identified in this EIA, including post implementation review to find out how the outcomes have been achieved in practice and what impacts there have actually been on people with protected characteristics.

Action	Lead	By when	Progress	Monitoring arrangements

Section 13. Summary Summarise the findings of your EIA, including impacts, recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

The EIA concludes that there will be little impact on protected characteristic. Service users will experience a more enhanced service as there is increased flexibility around delivery.

Section 14. Sign off section

This full EIA was completed by:

Name: Barbara Merrygold
Job title: Head Of Early Help
Directorate: C&YPS

Signature: 

Completion date: August 2024

Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature): 

Date: 04 October 2024

Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance, please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Version 2: amended 11 August 2021

Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:

Planning Permission
Environmental Impact Assessment
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk for advice.

Title of proposal	Proposed De-designation of Children's Centres (now known as Children & Families Hubs)
Brief description of proposal	Remove the designation status of the 18 designated children's centres. Children and Families service no longer offer a specific 0-5 service delivery model moving to a 0-19 service delivery model in 2025. De-registration of the Children's Centres will allow much greater flexibility for future use of the spaces, increasing efficiencies which could lead to future savings. Within North Yorkshire there are 18 remaining designated Children's Centres.
Directorate	Children and Families Service (CYPS)
Service area	Early Help

Lead officer	Barbara Merrygold
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Katherine Edge (Senior Property Officer)
Date impact assessment started	

Options appraisal

Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

Background

Children and Families Early Help Service delivered sessions from a range of premises for a number of years; however, since 2015, the use of some of these buildings has significantly reduced. This further reduced following the Children and Families restructure and service review in March 2019.

In March 2019, the Children and Families Service committed to co-locating Early Help and Safeguarding teams where possible, in order to improve communications, share best practice and provide joined-up services for families. Over this period, there has been a review of all North Yorkshire Council (NYC) properties (including leased spaces) across the county enabling greater co-location of staff including Early Help and Safeguarding teams.

Over the last two years - during and following the Covid-19 pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families, moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of premises.

This model of delivery is supported by a recent government publication “The Framework for Family Hubs”. The primary focus is not about ‘buildings’; it is about ‘place’ and ‘community’; having a sense of belonging; accessing support in the community, and; in many cases being delivered by people in the local community. The framework identified that family hubs come in all shapes and sizes: libraries, faith buildings, schools, early year’s settings, youth & community centres and, community halls.

The local authority’s Property Services team have a rolling programme to ensure efficient use of properties and where service operating models change, to identify opportunities for property rationalisation whilst continuing to support effective service delivery.

The Property Rationalisation Programme will result in the transformation of the Council’s property portfolio to achieve a reduction in respect of revenue expenditure and to optimise the use of the property portfolio.

This will be achieved through:

- a reduction in the total floor area for the delivery and management of front-line services
- alongside Property involvement into the delivery of the wider New ways of Working Programme

The overarching objectives of New Ways of Working and in particular the Property Rationalisation Programme, are to achieve -

- The implementation of more efficient working practices within all of the Council's property
- A greater optimisation usage of space across and within Council properties
- A reduction in the total floor area occupied by the Council, resulting in a reduction in revenue expenditure and carbon emissions
- In relation to New ways of Working services are reviewing delivery models to move to a more blended approach of virtual and face to face activities

Buildings which are either leased, underutilised or where service delivery could be transferred to be delivered out of another building, alongside where service delivery can be delivered in a more blended approach are reviewed as part of the Programme, as this enhances usage of Property Assets, with the staff and services utilising the associated buildings moved to other locations within the Property estate, alongside Services offering and delivering a more blended delivery of services. The relocation of the services to other locations will not have an impact on the delivery of front-line services or staffing structure in relation to the properties.

What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?

Please explain briefly why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

Removal of the designation status will be cost neutral however any future changes to the buildings will form part of the Property Rationalisation Programme, which will contribute towards a reduction in Property's revenue budget and the total floor space within the Corporate Workplace Property portfolio, contributing towards future Property savings. There is also consideration when developing the option analysis / reviews around running cost implications, taking into account vacating sites and increased usage of sites where there are proposals for these to be used more efficiently.

<p>How will this proposal impact on the environment?</p> <p>N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.</p>	<p>Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>No impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</p> <p>Where possible/relevant please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO₂e • Links to relevant documents 	<p>Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.</p>	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</p>
<p>Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.</p>	<p>Emissions from travel</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Where a building has enhanced usage then there is the potential for increased traffic (staff and customers); however, this traffic will have transferred from usage of the proposed site to vacate / relocate.</p> <p>However, over the last two years - during and following the Covid-19 pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families, moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of premises and reducing travel.</p>		
	<p>Emissions from construction</p>	<p>X</p>				

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	Emissions from running of buildings	X			<p>When a site is vacated, there will be a reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emission as it will no longer be utilising the site, however there might be an increase in usage at sites that services are relocated to, offsetting some of the reduction that might have been achieved.</p> <p>Across the 18 sites that are being considered as part of this proposal it is difficult to provide an exact figure around the potential carbon saving – as we do not hold the consumption data for all of the sites due to the Children Centres being located on school sites with a flat charge contribution paid towards energy consumption.</p>	Monitoring of usage at sites where there is increased usage of facilities.	However, over the last two years - during and following the Covid-19 pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families, moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same

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							<p>number of premises and reducing travel.</p>
	Emissions from data storage		X				
	Other						
<p>Minimise waste: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		X					
<p>Reduce water consumption</p>	X			<p>Where a site is vacated there will be a reduction in its water usage, however there might be an increase in usage at sites that services are relocated to, offsetting some of the reduction that might have been achieved.</p> <p>However, over the last two years - during and following the Covid-19 pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of</p>	<p>Monitoring of usage at sites where there is increased usage of facilities.</p>		

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Sign off section

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De-registration of Children’s Centres – Opening a world of new community possibilities

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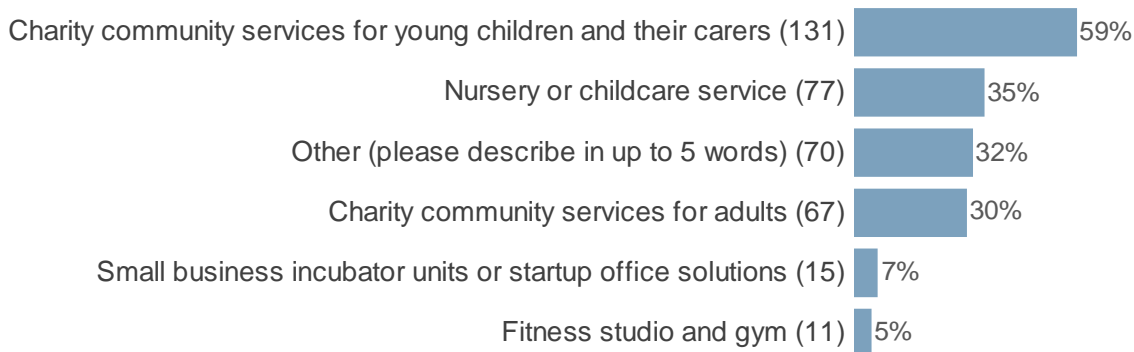
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Hub for all

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Weigh stay play, health visitors

Permanent hub for younger children and pre teens to learn skills and gain friends. Also a young carers hub as currently have to go to n'allerton or catterick.

Support for families

Children's centre, hub for all services including health, SEND and early education. Question below us irrelevant as Centres have been closed.

Children centre for young children and babies are vital

Youth service provision

The need for them to remain as support for families in the area are still strong, and needed more than ever - these centres need to be going back to pre-2015, the support for families was amazing!

Mixed use adult childrens services

Space for parent and baby groups and early intervention BEFORE 5 is vital. We are seeing so many more issues in nursery and reception classes because early identification of the issue hasn't happened.

Services for families,

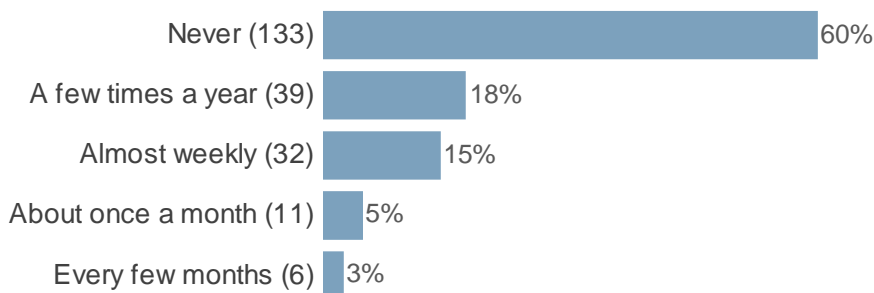
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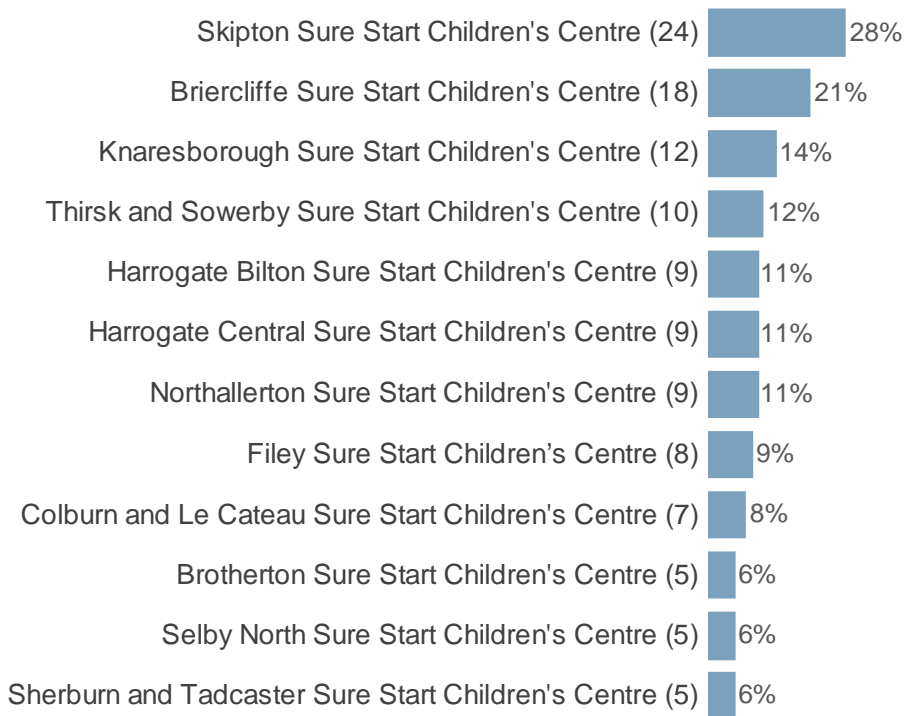
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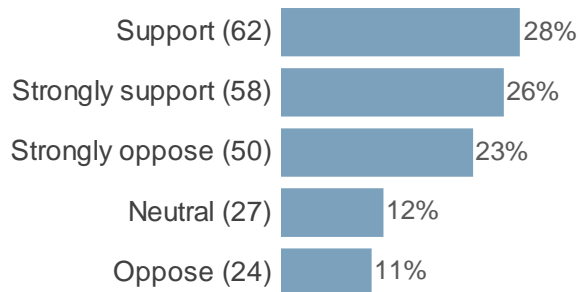
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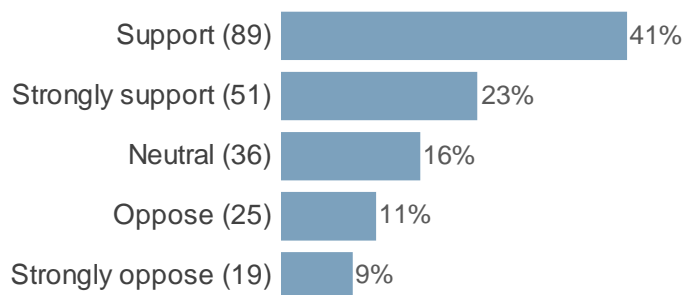
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Not sure

Would be useful to have more space for community groups. But only if this does not further reduce children and family support

Yes but providing they are still used to benefit young people. More childcare facilities are definitely needed. No more gyms are needed.

Support If the focus is on children and families, health and early years child development is essential and continues in the buildings

This survey is too short and doesn't ask about all the issues. E.g. What about the safeguarding issues on the school site of community use.

If a room or building is available/free, it makes sense to utilise for a charity to put on event or have a safe place to meet

As a children and families support worker it would help if we had workers, iro's, social workers etc in the same space to liase and work

Contact centres are needed and their capacity changes weekly and they need venues avaiat short notice, court ordered.

I worked for libraries in Leeds and saw the transition to Community hubs as a positive but it did have some negatives

Families need more support than is currently offered, opening up to other uses should mean more services available

Parents, children, trained staff teaching cooking, learning how to manage financially, mental health services, the elderly integrating.

I worked, volunteered at a children's centre until Covid it was a wonderful facility for parents & children wish the same service continued

Local centres are the only way people will engage , I didn't have a car so wouldn't of travelled to one further away and they are invaluable

Work with the Community Anchors support their work, those organisations know more about the community as most live and work there!

It's not just about money, but also getting different groups in the community to interact so they are less isolated.

Gallows Close to provide services for all ages such as Dance, Music, Art, Boxing, Tots Play, SEND, Youth Clubs, 1 - 1 Support.

More opportunities and support for the local community. I have been unable to access my local children's centre because it has been closed

Children are suffering from mental health problems like never before, services need to be overall expanded

To support and promote small businesses that can help the community in a location well known to the community members.

There is definitely a shortage of a place for special needs children and family that can be used as a base, like they have in ryedale

The buildings should be used. I think the holiday club at Pickering library could do with a bigger location if there's a better location.

You need to bring back the services once provided, weigh stay and plays, speech and Language sessions

Centres are needed by the community. You should never had stopped the vital groups that took place. No wonder so many parents struggle

The services provided need to reflect the needs of early years provision and specialist early years care, supporting families across a wide

Please explain why?

if a building is not needed for its original or most recent purpose due to changes in society, then consider other community uses.

Certainly for Colburn, this needs to be kept and used as is ... for vulnerable children and families, not let out for other things.

I believe that services who are placed together and run by people who can actually talk to each other is beneficial for all.

Multi agency working can be effective. I would like to see money saved being re-invested in family support similar to Sure Start.

We have to maximise the usage of the buildings, for the benefit of everyone. Activities which provide people of ages recreation and charity

It depends on what use for. For crafts , women probation service , food bank for the area , bingo , knit and chat for elderly , lunch club ,

I feel that if it means the buildings will be saved and be useful to the community it's important to review the usage.

I agree with the changes proposed by Josh MacAlister and the urgent need for hubs in the community where support services can be better accessed

They could be a one stop shop for whole community support with charities working alongside council?

now you cannot see a health visitor or meet new parents post natal depression prevention is vital there is v little support for new parent

The bringing together social services under a children's centre roof meant the loss of all services beneficial to parents

The problem isn't the building its the lack of services. Children's centre were thriving places so sad to see them as they are now

The childrens centre is helpful for young people services. Who would otherwise privately rent spaces at greater cost.

Existing central hubs where professionals are able to interact with with families, carers and children face to face is imperative.

Very important for all community groups to have facilities to meet up, particularly for the social impact and mental health.

A typical cost-cutting exercise from a Tory council - how much more can charities take on? Families and therefore society will suffer.

Sure Start centres provide vital support to dysfunctional families - end cycle of homelessness, underachievement in education & youth crime

Ultimately NYCC will just want to save money. Neighbouring counties are strengthening their services for sen + we need drastic changes

North Yorkshire shouldn't be profiting they should be improving services. These buildings could be small classrooms for specialist teaching

Children's centres were of huge benefit when I had preschool children (3 years ago) and having a central place for groups and support.

It makes sense but they should remain in community use

Given the position at Carnagill we are very concerned about the potential safeguarding concerns of community use within the school site.

If it is the only way of keeping these spaces. It is sad that the Children's Centres for young children and their families did not continue.

Return Sure Start centres to their original purpose and provide desperately needed care for families with children aged 0-5. Midwife/HV care

But only where non profit providers and not tapping them for huge amounts of rent

Please explain why?

It is in the school so let the school use the space to add another valuable asset to the community

These places are needed to help parents and carers. If people don't have these it will put pressure on schools later down the line

NYC should share funding of these

Because chances are the buildings will be let or sold for profit and not used for any community services

Community buildings shouldn't be limited to one age group and encouraged to be utilized longer hours with different groups

As long as it's truly for community benefit and not just a money saving scheme transferring costs

The council needs to work smarter and save money.

Teams should work together to support families

Shared spaces don't work for children's services for safeguarding etc.

I think we don't have nearly enough affordable child care facilities to encourage single parents back to work

There have been no sessions running that are badly needed i.e. Stay and play, rhyme time, infant feeding help.

These centres are for children. We have lost a lovely sensory room because it's used as a contact centre.

All our children's centres have been closed since Covid and haven't been open to use.

We need the children's centre and sensory room

This service is essential in supporting the community. Other ways could be done to save money.

Opening in person support groups for the community and regular classes

These would have been vital for providing support for parents after having children but they have not been used that way for a while

I think they should still be used for children's services like health visitor, therapy sessions etc. Youth clubs are needed

Children's centres are so important. It shouldn't even be a consideration getting rid of them!

Bring together children's services makes sense, but keep these spaces as safe places for families

Children's centres and free activities for children are needed and there is a serious lack of them in Scarborough.

Save money as you have less. Distribute the smaller budgets around.

The Brougham Street centre Skipton is invaluable and should NOT be altered it provides essential services in one venue -it works!

Was a good idea for the service to be together, but it never happens now. Or rarely. So spaces could be better used.

I think there should be added services for families, health checks etc and also used as a community building.

New mothers are in need of a place to have their babies weighed and to meet health visitors and other parents in person

There is a wonderful sensory room within the Briercliffe Children's Centre that could be accessible to the public but is currently not.

It's important to keep these spaces and services open, so anything that helps to safeguard this is a positive, to benefit the community.

Providing a safe space for parents and children cannot be done online or by appointment. It needs space that's available to all!

No point a building sat there doing nothing when it can support the wider community.

Please explain why?

Childrens centres should bring together services all related to babies, children and parent support. Centres are currently a joke

Makes sense for early children's services (health visitor, breastfeeding support etc) to be based in a children's centre. As they were.

I feel the lack of support for new mums is astonishing. When I had my first child the children centre was a life line for me.

Joined up services csm only be improved being in the same building

Once deregistered they will end up closing.

The only reason I have not used the children's center is the last 2 years is because there were no suitable groups on for my family.

I would love to see face to face services at children's centres return. There are very few supported groups for new parents to attend

Depends on whether this would leave an area without services, given the paucity of public transport in the NYC catchment

Bring services together makes sense. It should allow great connections between groups if someone is managing it well.

Children's development is an all time low, these families need somewhere for help to support&guide them. Merging under one roof could help

It needs to be viable and cost effective but what each community needs rather than a blanket approach

I believe these children centres need to be reignited for use by 0-5 year olds. For children to be seen and understood by professionals.

There is a need for families to have support particularly those who have SEN children.

We need children's services and family hubs

In respect of the premises within Alverton School, we strongly oppose this proposal

It is on a school site so there would be safeguarding concerns

There is no family hub here so I have not attended one. When does the one in colburn open? I would like to attend

The building at Alverton CP School has not be used for many months. This space would be extremely useful to the school

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I do a lot of work in the non profit community sector and theres a need for affordable accessible venues. If it makes for ocal provision 🇬🇧

Double edged - don't want spaces taken away from early years, but at the same time community spaces have been closed by previous government.

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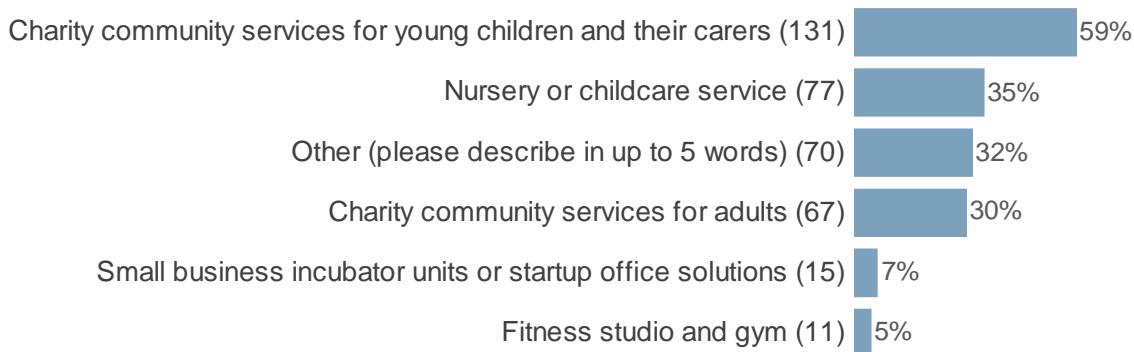
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Permanent hub for younger children and pre teens to learn skills and gain friends. Also a young carers hub as currently have to go to n'allerton or catterick.

Support for families

Children's centre, hub for all services including health, SEND and early education. Question below us irrelevant as Centres have been closed.

Children centre for young children and babies are vital

Youth service provision

The need for them to remain as support for families in the area are still strong, and needed more than ever - these centres need to be going back to pre-2015, the support for families was amazing!

Mixed use adult childrens services

Space for parent and baby groups and early intervention BEFORE 5 is vital. We are seeing so many more issues in nursery and reception classes because early identification of the issue hasn't happened.

Services for families,

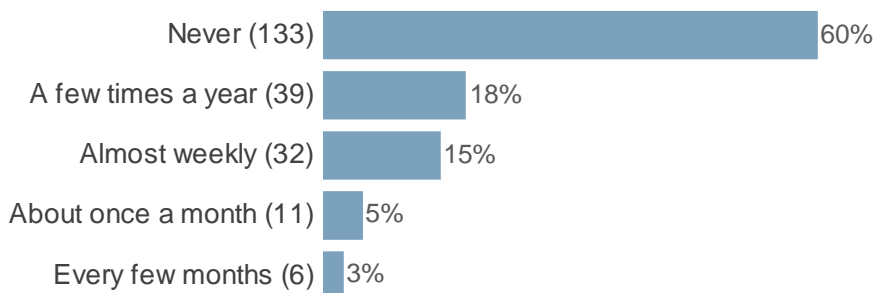
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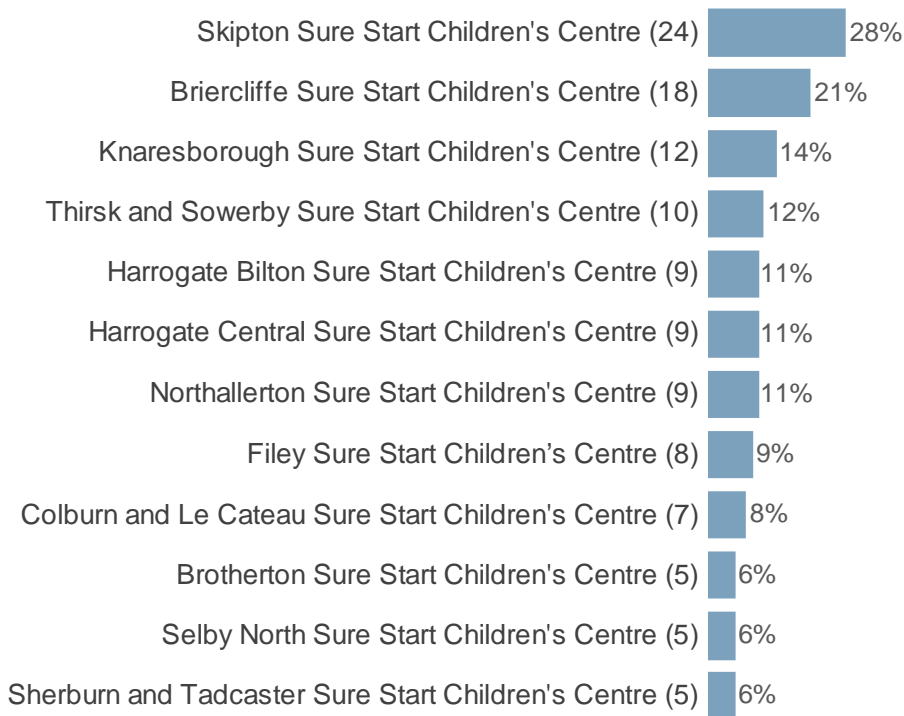
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Space for LA services to carry out sessions / groups with children, young people parents and carers including holiday out of school provision.

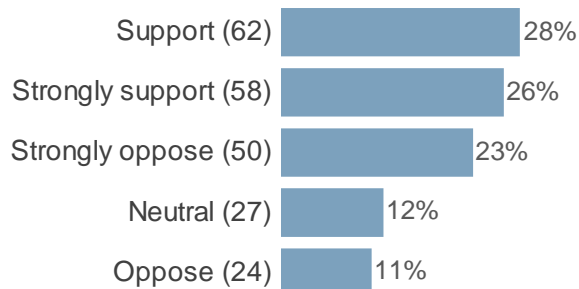
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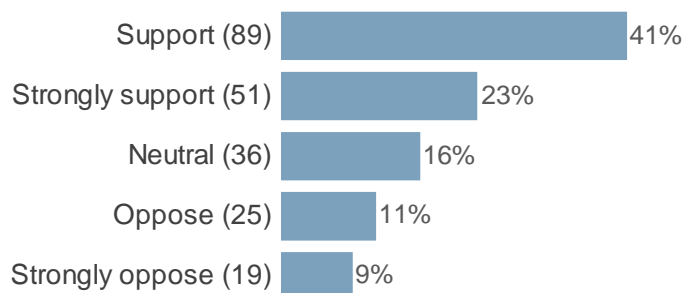
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Do you support or oppose, the bringing together of services in buildings to rationalise the future use of buildings to save money? (statement 1 ...)



Please explain why?

Not sure

Would be useful to have more space for community groups. But only if this does not further reduce children and family support

Yes but providing they are still used to benefit young people. More childcare facilities are definitely needed. No more gyms are needed.

Support If the focus is on children and families, health and early years child development is essential and continues in the buildings

This survey is too short and doesn't ask about all the issues. E.g. What about the safeguarding issues on the school site of community use.

If a room or building is available/free, it makes sense to utilise for a charity to put on event or have a safe place to meet

As a children and families support worker it would help if we had workers, iro's, social workers etc in the same space to liase and work

Contact centres are needed and their capacity changes weekly and they need venues avaiat short notice, court ordered.

I worked for libraries in Leeds and saw the transition to Community hubs as a positive but it did have some negatives

Families need more support than is currently offered, opening up to other uses should mean more services available

Parents, children, trained staff teaching cooking, learning how to manage financially, mental health services, the elderly integrating.

I worked, volunteered at a children's centre until Covid it was a wonderful facility for parents & children wish the same service continued

Local centres are the only way people will engage , I didn't have a car so wouldn't of travelled to one further away and they are invaluable

Work with the Community Anchors support their work, those organisations know more about the community as most live and work there!

It's not just about money, but also getting different groups in the community to interact so they are less isolated.

Gallows Close to provide services for all ages such as Dance, Music, Art, Boxing, Tots Play, SEND, Youth Clubs, 1 - 1 Support.

More opportunities and support for the local community. I have been unable to access my local children's centre because it has been closed

Children are suffering from mental health problems like never before, services need to be overall expanded

To support and promote small businesses that can help the community in a location well known to the community members.

There is definitely a shortage of a place for special needs children and family that can be used as a base, like they have in ryedale

The buildings should be used. I think the holiday club at Pickering library could do with a bigger location if there's a better location.

You need to bring back the services once provided, weigh stay and plays, speech and Language sessions

Centres are needed by the community. You should never had stopped the vital groups that took place. No wonder so many parents struggle

The services provided need to reflect the needs of early years provision and specialist early years care, supporting families across a wide

Please explain why?

if a building is not needed for its original or most recent purpose due to changes in society, then consider other community uses.

Certainly for Colburn, this needs to be kept and used as is ... for vulnerable children and families, not let out for other things.

I believe that services who are placed together and run by people who can actually talk to each other is beneficial for all.

Multi agency working can be effective. I would like to see money saved being re-invested in family support similar to Sure Start.

We have to maximise the usage of the buildings, for the benefit of everyone. Activities which provide people of ages recreation and charity

It depends on what use for. For crafts , women probation service , food bank for the area , bingo , knit and chat for elderly , lunch club ,

I feel that if it means the buildings will be saved and be useful to the community it's important to review the usage.

I agree with the changes proposed by Josh MacAlister and the urgent need for hubs in the community where support services can be better accessed

They could be a one stop shop for whole community support with charities working alongside council?

now you cannot see a health visitor or meet new parents post natal depression prevention is vital there is v little support for new parent

The bringing together social services under a children's centre roof meant the loss of all services beneficial to parents

The problem isn't the building its the lack of services. Children's centre were thriving places so sad to see them as they are now

The childrens centre is helpful for young people services. Who would otherwise privately rent spaces at greater cost.

Existing central hubs where professionals are able to interact with with families, carers and children face to face is imperative.

Very important for all community groups to have facilities to meet up, particularly for the social impact and mental health.

A typical cost-cutting exercise from a Tory council - how much more can charities take on? Families and therefore society will suffer.

Sure Start centres provide vital support to dysfunctional families - end cycle of homelessness, underachievement in education & youth crime

Ultimately NYCC will just want to save money. Neighbouring counties are strengthening their services for sen + we need drastic changes

North Yorkshire shouldn't be profiting they should be improving services. These buildings could be small classrooms for specialist teaching

Children's centres were of huge benefit when I had preschool children (3 years ago) and having a central place for groups and support.

It makes sense but they should remain in community use

Given the position at Carnagill we are very concerned about the potential safeguarding concerns of community use within the school site.

If it is the only way of keeping these spaces. It is sad that the Children's Centres for young children and their families did not continue.

Return Sure Start centres to their original purpose and provide desperately needed care for families with children aged 0-5. Midwife/HV care

But only where non profit providers and not tapping them for huge amounts of rent

Please explain why?

It is in the school so let the school use the space to add another valuable asset to the community

These places are needed to help parents and carers. If people don't have these it will put pressure on schools later down the line

NYC should share funding of these

Because chances are the buildings will be let or sold for profit and not used for any community services

Community buildings shouldn't be limited to one age group and encouraged to be utilized longer hours with different groups

As long as it's truly for community benefit and not just a money saving scheme transferring costs

The council needs to work smarter and save money.

Teams should work together to support families

Shared spaces don't work for children's services for safeguarding etc.

I think we don't have nearly enough affordable child care facilities to encourage single parents back to work

There have been no sessions running that are badly needed i.e. Stay and play, rhyme time, infant feeding help.

These centres are for children. We have lost a lovely sensory room because it's used as a contact centre.

All our children's centres have been closed since Covid and haven't been open to use.

We need the children's centre and sensory room

This service is essential in supporting the community. Other ways could be done to save money.

Opening in person support groups for the community and regular classes

These would have been vital for providing support for parents after having children but they have not been used that way for a while

I think they should still be used for children's services like health visitor, therapy sessions etc. Youth clubs are needed

Children's centres are so important. It shouldn't even be a consideration getting rid of them!

Bring together children's services makes sense, but keep these spaces as safe places for families

Children's centres and free activities for children are needed and there is a serious lack of them in Scarborough.

Save money as you have less. Distribute the smaller budgets around.

The Brougham Street centre Skipton is invaluable and should NOT be altered it provides essential services in one venue -it works!

Was a good idea for the service to be together, but it never happens now. Or rarely. So spaces could be better used.

I think there should be added services for families, health checks etc and also used as a community building.

New mothers are in need of a place to have their babies weighed and to meet health visitors and other parents in person

There is a wonderful sensory room within the Briercliffe Children's Centre that could be accessible to the public but is currently not.

It's important to keep these spaces and services open, so anything that helps to safeguard this is a positive, to benefit the community.

Providing a safe space for parents and children cannot be done online or by appointment. It needs space that's available to all!

No point a building sat there doing nothing when it can support the wider community.

Please explain why?

Childrens centres should bring together services all related to babies, children and parent support. Centres are currently a joke

Makes sense for early children's services (health visitor, breastfeeding support etc) to be based in a children's centre. As they were.

I feel the lack of support for new mums is astonishing. When I had my first child the children centre was a life line for me.

Joined up services csm only be improved being in the same building

Once deregistered they will end up closing.

The only reason I have not used the children's center is the last 2 years is because there were no suitable groups on for my family.

I would love to see face to face services at children's centres return. There are very few supported groups for new parents to attend

Depends on whether this would leave an area without services, given the paucity of public transport in the NYC catchment

Bring services together makes sense. It should allow great connections between groups if someone is managing it well.

Children's development is an all time low, these families need somewhere for help to support&guide them. Merging under one roof could help

It needs to be viable and cost effective but what each community needs rather than a blanket approach

I believe these children centres need to be reignited for use by 0-5 year olds. For children to be seen and understood by professionals.

There is a need for families to have support particularly those who have SEN children.

We need children's services and family hubs

In respect of the premises within Alverton School, we strongly oppose this proposal

It is on a school site so there would be safeguarding concerns

There is no family hub here so I have not attended one. When does the one in colburn open? I would like to attend

The building at Alverton CP School has not be used for many months. This space would be extremely useful to the school

Children's centres must be kept for the support of children and young families. Use them for youth centres etc. NOT gyms or businesses

I do a lot of work in the non profit community sector and theres a need for affordable accessible venues. If it makes for ocal provision 🇬🇧

Double edged - don't want spaces taken away from early years, but at the same time community spaces have been closed by previous government.

What is your home postcode address (not required)

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Redesignation of North Yorkshire Childrens Centres

This report was generated on 24/09/24. Overall 224 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'. A total of 224 cases fall into this category.

If a building in your community was to change its use, what would you like to see it be used for?

Charity community services for young children and their carers (131)	59.3%	Charity community services for adults (67)	30.3%
Nursery or childcare service (77)	34.8%	Small business incubator units or startup office solutions (15)	6.8%
Other (please describe in up to 5 words) (70)	31.7%	Fitness studio and gym (11)	5.0%

How many times have you used a Children's Centre in North Yorkshire in the last two years?

Never (133)	60.2%
A few times a year (39)	17.6%
Almost weekly (32)	14.5%
About once a month (11)	5.0%
Every few months (6)	2.7%

Which Children's Centres were they?

Skipton Sure Start Children's Centre (24)	27.9%	Harrogate Bilton Sure Start Children's Centre (9)	10.5%	Colburn and Le Cateau Sure Start Children's Centre (7)	8.1%
Briercliffe Sure Start Children's Centre (18)	20.9%	Harrogate Central Sure Start Children's Centre (9)	10.5%	Brotherton Sure Start Children's Centre (5)	5.8%
Knaresborough Sure Start Children's Centre (12)	14.0%	Northallerton Sure Start Children's Centre (9)	10.5%	Selby North Sure Start Children's Centre (5)	5.8%
Thirsk and Sowerby Sure Start Children's Centre (10)	11.6%	Filey Sure Start Children's Centre (8)	9.3%	Sherburn and Tadcaster Sure Start Children's Centre (5)	5.8%

How much do you support or oppose the idea of North Yorkshire Council reviewing its buildings' designation and considering opening them up for community usage? (statement 1 ...)

Support (62)	28.1%
Strongly support (58)	26.2%
Strongly oppose (50)	22.6%
Neutral (27)	12.2%
Oppose (24)	10.9%

Do you support or oppose, the bringing together of services in buildings to rationalise the future use of buildings to save money? (statement 1 ...)

Support (89)	40.5%
Strongly support (51)	23.2%
Neutral (36)	16.4%
Oppose (25)	11.4%
Strongly oppose (19)	8.6%