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Title of Report: **Addendum to Item 9 ‘Future of Family Centres – Outcome of Consultation and Recommendations’ following pre-cabinet Scrutiny**

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report has been produced to set out the amendments proposed by the People Scrutiny Committee held on 27 February 2024.
- 1.2. This report is an addendum to item 9 ‘Future of Family Centres – Outcome of Consultation and Recommendations’ of the published Cabinet agenda pack of 4 March 2024 to provide further clarity following pre-cabinet scrutiny undertaken by the People Scrutiny Committee held on 27 February 2024.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Note the outcome of the public consultation which also engaged with delivery partners and local agencies, attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Approve the proposed new Family Centre model described (a sample of what activities could be offered for each of the eight sites is presented in appendix Z6 of the main report attached as Appendix 1) in this report in sub-sections 3.11 to 3.17 and with more details in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Note that if Cabinet approves recommendation 2.2 and the proposed new Family Centre offer, it will deliver an efficiency of £350,000 against the Family Centre budget.

3. Background

3.1 The People Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 27 February considered the results of the public consultation and provided comments and feedback on the presented options by way of pre-cabinet scrutiny.

4. Amendments – from People Scrutiny Committee held on 27 February 2024

3.2 The People Scrutiny Committee discussed the outcome of the consultation and proposals and raised a number of questions specifically regarding timetabling of activities and locations of family centres.

3.3 Following the discussion the People Scrutiny Committee agreed with the original recommendations set out in the report subject to the following amendments:

- To reference that the timetable presented is a *sample* of what activities could be offered for each of the sites.
- Noted an error in the report when referencing paragraphs 3.12 to 3.19; these should have read paragraphs 3.11 to 3.17, updated recommendations below. (in relation to 2.3)

As a result, the proposed recommendations to Cabinet have been updated and set out in section 2 for clarity.