



# **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

**DATE OF DECISION 5 JULY 2022**

**RELOCATION OF KIDDERMINSTER BASED SUPERVISED FAMILY  
TIME SERVICE**

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**Relevant Cabinet Member**

Councillor Andy Roberts

**Relevant Chief Officer**

Director of Children's Services

**Local Members**

good sized family contact rooms and one smaller one. The rear of the property has a small courtyard area (used as a playground).

4. Radford Avenue is located next to a public park. The property is in a 'fair' condition however there have been various roof leaks. The cost of repairing the roof has been investigated and proved cost prohibitive and there is also a problem with damp in the property. In addition, security issues have been raised due to the public park which backs onto the rear courtyard of the building. The rear area can no longer be used by staff or families. As a result of this the Team Manager has requested that an alternative location for Kidderminster family contact be sought, with the facility to accommodate large family groups, which Radford Avenue is not equipped to do.

4. Suitable accommodation has been identified in a vacant space at Treetops SSCC. A feasibility report has been completed and the identified space would provide three good sized family contact rooms with the flexibility to open two of the rooms out into one large room suitable for larger family groups – which is an identified need of the service. The site is within Birchen Coppice school grounds and the contact suite will have access to safe outdoor space and includes child friendly toilet facilities and a kitchen area. The Treetops site has been identified by the team manager as being in an area of need.

5. In addition, there is space available at St Oswald's SSCC which would provide one large contact room suitable for large family groups and a smaller room suitable for babies and toddlers. The site also has access to secure outdoor space. St Oswald's is in a different area of Kidderminster from Treetops, offering families flexibility of choice as to the easiest site for them to visit.

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9. Radford Avenue is subject to SSCC funding and therefore permission to dispose of the site following vacation by Worcestershire Children First would need to be sought from the DfE. Disposal of the site could be subject to SSCC clawback. Permission to dispose of the site would be sought on the basis it is no longer suitable to deliver SSCC services