

GMB B49 Education Branch

Birmingham

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Birmingham City Council Community Day Nursery Update

GMB has met with the Council today in relation to our concerns with the previous proposals for Cabinet in terms of potential closure of the remaining 14 Community Nurseries. Our brief campaign throughout November has ensured that the Council have added further options for exploration inclusive of future sustainability alongside the potential of closure to the revised cabinet report. This has been a great success achieved with the support of, members, families and communities who have let their concerns be heard.

The meeting today with the council was to:

- Update GMB on the amendments to the Cabinet report and give a promise on behalf of the Council that all options will be fully explored before any decisions are made.
- To provide a commitment from the Council that full and meaningful consultation will take place. GMB have requested weekly meetings which the Council are now arranging to take place from January.
- To inform GMB that the Consultation period will begin from January 2018 and will initially run for 60 days- this consultation will be live on the Birmingham Be Heard website from January 2018 for all stakeholders, families, staff and communities to input. GMB has requested input to the survey to ensure questions are appropriate and not leading and give a full opportunity to input. The Council have agreed Unions will have input. Following on from this 60 days consultation a further recommendation based on the consultation feedback will go to cabinet for a final decision. So make sure you input to the survey from January.

Although this is a move in the right direction we still need to ensure pressure is applied to the Council/ Councillors to let them know the strength of feeling surrounding the importance of these Nurseries. Our petition is online so please continue to share this.

GMB will continue to keep our members informed throughout the next phase of this consultation.

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