

CABINET – 15 SEPTEMBER 2015

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Member:

1. From Councillor Tanner to Councillor Tilley

'Would the Cabinet member tell me what she believes the likely impact will be on children, parents and the wider community if the Donnington Doorstep Family Centre and/or the Grandpont Children's Centre (in my Isis division in Oxford) lose their County Council funding and are forced to contract or close in future years?'

Answer

"Whatever the outcome of the consultation in relation to the future shape of children's social care referred to in today's Cabinet paper, we are determined to support vulnerable children and their families, but can no longer necessarily directly support universal services. I would draw attention to wording in today's Cabinet paper which makes the point that ".. some universal serviceswill no longer be provided directly by the county council. The council is however committed to helping local communities develop or retain their universal provision for children. It is proposed that work will be undertaken to ascertain whether local communities would wish to deliver these services and if so how this could be best achieved."