

Additional information regarding Every Child, Our Future: Policy Issues and Options Paper: Policy recommendation 3.1

In response to questions about the options being considered under policy recommendation 3.1, below is a further detailed explanation of how the different options being considered would impact Council operated children’s services and community-managed services.

Please note, the first policy objective makes a commitment to universal access to quality care “Council will work with partners to ensure that every child, regardless of their abilities or background, will have access to affordable, safe, accessible, quality early years’ services to support development to their potential”. Any changes to the service model for childcare (eg options outlined in 3.1) would need to provide a reasonable level of confidence that access to quality services would be retained.

What Would the different Options mean for *Operating of Council Centres?*

Option	Council Operated	Council Owned – Community Managed
<u>Option A</u> Remain as is – no change to current arrangements	This option would mean no change to the current arrangements i.e. Council will continue to operate 4 of the current 5 Council operated Centres (Council has determined that Barring Djinang will be transitioned to a not for profit provider)	This option would mean no change to the current operation of the community managed centres
<u>Option B</u> Remain as is – but parents of the four council operated services are charged the amount that is currently subsidised by ratepayer funds. This is likely to be approximately \$15.00 per day	This option would mean that Council will continue to operate 4 of the current 5 Council operated Centres (Council has determined that Barring Djinang will be transitioned to a not for profit provider) but that parents would need to pay increased fees to cover the level of subsidy currently provided by ratepayer funds (this would likely be an increase of about \$15.00 a day)	This option would mean no change to the current operation of the community managed centres
<u>Option C</u> This would see the community managed services continue as per current arrangements and the four-council operated centre transition to not for profit management	This option would see the 4 Council operated centres transitioned from direct Council management to management by a not for profit organisation. This could be not for profit community managed organisations (similar to	This option would mean no change to the current operation of the community managed centres

	current arrangements in the City) or other not for profit organisations	
<u>Option D</u> This would see Council exit all childcare and allowing the market (not for profit and private) meet demand for services in the City	This would involve Council exiting childcare and letting the market take up the lost supply	This would involve Council exiting childcare and letting the market take up the lost supply. Current community managed could tender to operate and/or purchase buildings
<u>Option E</u>	A hybrid of above – so depends	A hybrid of above – so depends

What Would the different Options mean for the *ownership and management* of the of buildings/assets

Option	Council Operated	Council Owned – Community Managed
<u>Option A</u> Remain as is – no change to current arrangements	Council owns and maintains buildings as per current arrangements	Develop a facilities framework that will ensure; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings comply with Disability Discrimination Act • Buildings comply with building codes • All buildings able to receive co contribution form State government (min 66 places) Explore co-funding (co-ownership) or lease to own – this would mean the potential for community managed to own or part own centres
<u>Option B</u> Remain as is – but parents of the four council operated services are charged the amount that is currently subsidised by ratepayer funds. This is likely to be approximately \$15.00 per day	Council owns and maintains buildings as per current arrangements	Develop a facilities framework that will ensure; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings comply with Disability Discrimination Act • Buildings comply with building codes • All buildings able to receive co contribution form State government (min 66 places)

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<u>Option C</u> This would see the community managed services continue as per current arrangements and the four-council operated centre transition to not for profit management	Council owns and maintains buildings as per current arrangements	Develop a facilities framework that will ensure; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings comply with Disability Discrimination Act • Buildings comply with building codes • All buildings able to receive co contribution form State government (min 66 places) Explore co-funding (co-ownership) or lease to own – this would mean the potential for community managed to own or part own centres
<u>Option D</u> This would see Council exit all childcare and allowing the market (not for profit and private) meet demand for services in the City	Buildings would be sold on open market	Buildings would be sold on open market – option for community managed to purchase
<u>Option E</u>	A hybrid of above – so depends	A hybrid of above – so depends