

In line with the procedures outlined in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules section 17 of the County Council Constitution we have been asked by fellow Councillors to CALL IN the decision of the Executive made on 16th July 2014 to review children's centres in County Durham.

The reasons for this are detailed below and directly relate to Article 12 of the Constitution taking due regard to the said principles of decision making.

The basis of the consultation is flawed for the following reasons:

1. All stakeholders are not going to be consulted, in particular neighbouring authorities which may be carrying out similar reviews and could work with Durham County Council to provide cross-authority savings.
2. The basis for the consultation does not take into account the geographically-based needs of the County.
3. All Council members have not been treated equally, as required under the Constitution, in the formation of this consultation.


In light of these issues we feel that this consultation is flawed and as a result any outcomes will not necessarily be the best achievable for both our children and this authority.

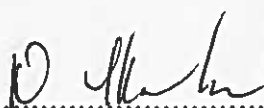
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