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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education &amp; Lifelong Learning Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 May 2009</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education and Social Care</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>EDUC/49/09/AH</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Gibshill Children's Centre</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the development of Family Support Services in Gibshill Children's Centre.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The report details the background to the development of the service in Gibshill Children's Centre.
- 2.2 It identifies the range of family support services which are being provided.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the committee notes the content of the report.

**Albert Henderson**  
**Head of Schools**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 In September 2008 the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee approved the development of Family Support Services in Gibshill Children's Centre using the accommodation previously used by the Parents Support and Education Centre (PSEC).

## **5.0 ACCOMODATION**

5.1 The PSEC vacated the accommodation on Friday 30 January 2009 and removed all furnishings, fittings and equipment.

5.2 Education Services and Gibshill Children's Centre have now refurbished the accommodation and replaced all furnishings and equipment.

5.3 The service is now known as the Smillie Centre.

## **6.0 MANAGEMENT GROUP**

6.1 A series of meetings have been held since January 2009 to identify roles and responsibilities of the management group and identify the needs of the Gibshill community in relation to family support services.

6.2 The meeting have been attended by Early Years Manager, Head of Gibshill Children's Centre, Parents / Carers, Community Representatives, Church Representatives, Chairperson and Members of Gibshill Residents Association.

6.3 The management group will be responsible for the strategic management of the service. The Head of Gibshill Children's Centre will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the service.

## **7.0 FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

7.1 The management group has identified a range of services that would meet the needs of the Gibshill Community:

- an adult education programme delivered by Community Learning and Development
- groups / classes i.e. parenting, literacy, ICT, knitting, sewing, cookery
- carer and toddler groups, young parents support group, breastfeeding support
- signposting to other services,
- drop-in café
- community meetings
- activities for children in the evening

7.2 A range of these services / activities are currently being delivered both during the day and in the evening.

7.3 The accommodation is being used on a regular basis for contact sessions for 'looked after and accommodated' children.

## **8.0 CONCLUSION**

8.1 These service developments have ensured that quality services are delivered to meet the needs of the community of Gibshill.