

MTRP Budget Proposal – 2020/21 to 2022/23

Service Area	Children and Families Services		
Proposal Title	Family Support Services – Barnardo’s Partnership		
Summary Description, Delivery Arrangements and Timescales	<p>There is a long-standing partnership with Barnardos to deliver Family Support Services for children and families at the edge of care.</p> <p>Currently the service is working to deliver a wide range of interventions directly to families who are at risk of greater intervention from Children’s Services. Social workers work with Barnardo’s staff to give families positive ways to manage their family challenges for example substance misuse, domestic violence, parental mental ill health, neglectful parenting and then offer safer family life for their children.</p> <p>The proposal is to reduce the budget by £75k, which will mean a staff reduction for Barnardo’s, a lower capacity to accept referrals and a potential impact on the number of children in care.</p> <p>If the proposed saving is agreed the service will work to prioritise the services offered to consider the lowest level of impact.</p>		
Decision Point (Please tick appropriate box)	Head of Service		Cabinet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Public Consultation Required (Please tick appropriate box)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART ONE

Net Savings (£000's)	2020/21 (£'000)	2021/22 (£'000)	2022/23 (£'000)
	75		
One-Off Implementation Costs (£000's)			
Revenue – Redundancy/Pension			
Revenue – Other			
Capital – Building related			
Capital – Other			
Implementation Cost - Total			

Impact on FTE Count	No impact on FTE count
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Does this proposal require an FEIA and/or WFG Act assessment? (Please tick appropriate box)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART TWO

Options Considered
The options are a) Agree the proposal and reduce the family support service via Barnardo's by £75k b) Maintain the current level of funding
Recommended Option
Accept Option A and for the saving of £75k to proceed.
Specific Links with Wellbeing of Future Generations (WFG) Act
<p>This proposal reflects a saving in the Children's Services core budget. In terms of the links with the Wellbeing of Future Generations, the link is the contribution the saving makes to ensure the Council as a whole is able to deliver a balanced budget. Officers have looked at the five key ways of working Integration, Long Term, Prevention, Collaboration and Involvement when considering the savings and sought to ensure the proposals have the least negative impact. However, at core these savings are necessary steps towards a balanced budget as opposed to any form of improvement or positive changes to delivery. While officers are cognisant of the principles the proposals are the least damaging options as opposed to desirable steps of change.</p> <p>This proposal is a way of considering where the overall spend within Children's Services lies and the best way to consider the ways of working. All of Children's Services works to the earliest possible intervention and so focusses on prevention. Services are integrated within the Council and more widely regionally and Nationally with other agencies including looking at the use of Transformation and Integrated Care Fund (ICF) grant monies. While the principles have been considered the proposed saving is part of the overall picture rather than a positive step towards working within the principles.</p>
Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment
Yes

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