

**BUDGET SAVINGS 2013/14**

**DIRECTORATE: PEOPLE**

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Budget Area	Existing Budget (£'000)	Total Saving ('000)	Saving 2013/14 (£'000)	Saving 2014/15 (£'000)	Saving 2015/16 (£'000)	Proposal
<b>Children's Safeguarding</b>						
Review and Reduce Placement Costs (mitigation of pressure)	2,506	400	400			No Cabinet decision required. Work will involve reviewing placements, identifying alternatives and moving children and young people within the legal and best practice frameworks.
Reduce staffing capacity in Children in Need, FAST and Children with disability teams	2,200	65	65			The proposal is to reduce staffing capacity across the children's fieldwork social care teams, and focus particularly upon reducing spend on agency staff.
Reduce the teaching support for looked after children to term time only	131	23	23			80% of looked after children are in good or outstanding schools and all are in at least adequate schools. Explore option of funding from the DSG.
<b>Prevention and Early Help</b>						
Reconfigure early years support and development	189	96	96			Changing requirements for early years will require a new model and consultation. Following consultation, a cabinet decision will be brought forward in July 2103.
Offset family support costs in early help teams	795	110	110			The Council has received an additional grant from the Government to improve adoption services. The proposal is to use 110k of the Adoption Grant to offset the costs of family support workers in early help teams and enable outstanding life story work for adopted children to be completed
Reduction in locality services	59	59	59			Currently a sum of money is available for lead professionals to spend on low level interventions to meet identified needs early and quickly. 36k available for this will be removed. £23k had already been released in delivering youth service savings.
<b>Children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs</b>						
Fund independent travel trainer from Dedicated Schools Grant	68	11	11			Developing independence on public transport is an important element of work to enable young people to be more independent and also reduces the cost of Home to School transport. This will require the agreement of the Schools Forum
<b>Commissioning Capacity</b>						
Reduction in posts focused on work for children and young people	240	63	63			delivered
Improvement and contingency funding. Director held budget	212	150	150			Funding had been identified to undertake external case file audits and further improvement activity this year. Alternative methods of getting external scrutiny of case file quality will need to be identified. This saving has been delivered.
<b>TOTAL CHILDREN AND DIRECTORATE SAVINGS</b>		<b>977</b>	<b>977</b>			