

Corporate Priority 1

Enable every child to have the best start in life, with high quality Education

Ref	Proposal	2017-18 £000's	2018-19 £000's	2019-20 £000's	2020-21 £000's	2021-22 £000's	Total £000's	Current Budget	Current Staff	Delivery Risk RAG
1.1	Service Redesign and Workforce	300	150	-	-	-	450	10,601	545	Amber
1.2	Early Help & Targeted Response	62	100				162	12,583	47	Amber
1.3	Family Group Conferencing	200	100	-	-	-	300	30	n/a	Green
1.4	Family Based Placements	100	175	-	-	-	275	12,583	147	Amber
1.5	Care Leavers - Semi Independent Living	25	75	-	-	-	100	1,699	147	Amber
1.6	Adoption and Special Guardianship Order payments	150	148	310	-	-	608	2,739	147	Amber
1.7	New Models of Care		1,000				1,000	pooled budgets	pooled workforce	Red
	Total	2,762	1,748	310	-	-	4,820			

Children's Services - Service Redesign and Workforce

Priority	1
Current Service Area	Children's Services
Responsible Officer:	Director of Children's Services
Reference:	Children's Services - Service Redesign and Workforce
Type of saving:	Efficiency saving/service redesign
Version:	1.0

Impact on Residents	Outcomes
In relation to the contact service this will impact on parents and carers in need of using the service.	More responsive service which will contribute to a more timely service for this cohort
In relation to the Independent Reviewing Service this will impact on the looked after children cohorts	A greater level of independence from the service should ensure better outcomes for looked after children
In relation to the front door assessment proposal, this should impact on families accessing social care services	Ensuring that only those families in need of social care services are in receipt of them, rather than engaging with families that do not meet the threshold for intervention.

PROPOSAL
<p>Proposal: A number of pieces of work are included within this proposal which together contribute to savings across the workforce. This includes:</p> <p>Contact Service Reconfiguration of the service based around typical contact need (sessional evening & weekend) in order to reduce the cost of contact per hour, alongside the introduction of a rota system which enables a reduction of</p> <p>Independent Reviewing Officers This function is currently provided in-house and could be externally commissioned to yield savings. This would also enable a much greater level of independent challenge, supporting the delivery of better outcomes for our looked after children. This proposal will also enable a greater level of accountability across this function which would be set out within the procurement and contract process.</p> <p>Reduction in Agency Spend Actively reduce the levels of agency by converting posts to permanent staff alongside developing a strong retention strategy to ensure this is a sustainable proposal.</p> <p>Service Redesign It is proposed that we redesign our services, as a consequence of managing demand into social care, which will enable the service to appropriately reduce the workforce to better meet need.</p> <p>This proposal will be delivered by ensuring that only those that require social care services are assessed, based upon the Thresholds of Need partnership document.</p> <p>Those that are provided with support will receive it in a more timely and effective way, through the implementation of new practice tools which strengthen our work with families. This will also enable cases to be progressed through</p>

SUMMARY			
	Financial Data £000		Workforce Data
Base Data			
Current budget	10,601	Employees	545
Savings/Invest	£000	Change in employees	
Year 1	300	Year 1	10
Year 2	150	Year 2	30
Year 3	0	Year 3	
Year 4	0	Year 4	
Year 5	0	Year 5	
Total	450	Total	40

Rationale

Contact Service

At present the service delivers contact across the year at £81 per hour. However contact is typically required after school, during the evenings or at weekends and there is an opportunity to reduce the hourly unit cost by reconfiguring the service so that workforce availability is matched to service need

Independent Reviewing Officers

This is a statutory requirement and a number of other local authorities have externally commissioned the service to release workforce savings. Some initial analysis has indicated that a new delivery model could provide a £100k saving.

Reduction in Agency Spend

Although there have been some success in efforts to reduce the number of agency by recruiting permanent staff over 16/17, there is a need to continue this work in order to build a robust and sustainable workforce whilst releasing savings across 17/18.

Service Redesign

By more effectively managing demand, a reduction in the workforce could be delivered which would better meet need. This would mean that by ensuring that only those that require social care services are assessed, practitioners can more effectively focus upon families who need a service. Those that are provided with support will receive it in a more timely way, through the implementation of new practice tools which strengthen and support our work with families. This will also enable cases to be progressed through the system more efficiently.

Key benefits - financial and non-financial

Contact Service

Financial: £80k

Non-Financial: More flexible pool of resources for this function based upon need.

Independent Reviewing Officers

Financial: 100k

Non-Financial: Increased levels of independence and scrutiny as well a more flexible pool of resources

Reduction in Agency Spend

Financial: £120k

Non-Financial: More sustainable and robust workforce

Front Door Assessments

Financial: £150k

Non-Financial: Increase the timeliness of assessments and permanency planning

Internal dependencies and external constraints

- Commissioning and Procurement dependencies related to the IRO service
- Implementation of the Recruitment and Retention Strategy
- Market dependencies: Availability of permanent staff

Procurement strategy:

Yes - this saving includes a reduction of staff

Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	2017-18 £k	2018-19 £k	2019-20 £k	2020-21 £k	2021-22 £k
Benefits Estimated (Savings)	300	150	0	0	0
Reduced benefits due to lead-on time (if applicable)					
Additional Cost Estimated	0	0			
Net Impact Cost/(Savings)	300	150			0
Cumulative Cost/(Savings)	300	450	450	450	450
Payback Period: Not applicable					

Early Help & Targeted Response

Priority	1
Current Service Area	Early Help & Targeted Response
Responsible Officer:	AD Early Help & Prevention/Head of Targeted Response and Youth Justice
Reference:	Early Help
Type of saving:	New delivery model
Version:	1.0

PROPOSAL	
Proposal:	<p>Through the implementation and delivery of the Targeted Response offer as part of the Early Help model it is anticipated that escalation in the number of Looked After Children would be prevented and the associated saving delivered. This will be as a consequence of enabling supporting families to remain together where possible.</p> <p>This work would also contribute to the prevention of further escalation of the number of looked after children, by providing the right support at an earlier point.</p> <p>This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct work with children and parents, - Improving school / home relationships and behaviour management approaches, - Supporting positive parental attitudes & behaviours as well as a range of other services which support assessment and decision making.
Rationale:	<p>We believe that children are best supported in strong and resilient families and want to promote this by offering a range of early help and targeted support services to enable families to do this where possible. This will decrease the demand for social care intervention, specifically for looked after children, whilst providing better outcomes for children and their families.</p>

Benefits:
Financial: £162k
Non-Financial: A reduction in children needing to become looked after.

Procurement strategy:
n/a

Impact on Residents	Outcomes
Fewer Children and Young People in Care	Improve lives of children and young people

SUMMARY				
Base Data	Financial Data £000		Workforce Data	
	Current budget Savings/Invest	12,583	Employees	47
	Change in employees			
Year 1	62	Year 1		n/a
Year 2	100	Year 2		n/a
Year 3	0	Year 3		
Year 4	0	Year 4		
Year 5	0	Year 5		
Total	162	Total		0

Internal dependencies and external constraints:
none

Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	2017-18 £k	2018-19 £k	2019-20 £k	2020-21 £k	2021-22 £k
Benefits Estimated (Savings)	62	100			
Reduced benefits due to lead-on time (if applicable)					
Additional Cost Estimated					
Net Impact Cost/(Savings)	62	100			
Cumulative Cost/(Savings)	62	162	162	162	162
Payback Period: Not applicable					

Family Group Conferencing

Priority	1
Current Service Area	Looked After Children
Responsible Officer:	AD Safeguarding & Social Care/Head of Quality Assurance
Reference:	Family Group Conferencing
Type of saving:	New delivery model
Version:	1.0

Impact on Residents	Outcomes
Fewer Children and Young People in Care	Improve lives of children and young people

PROPOSAL
<p>Proposal: This proposal relates to increasing the use of Family Group Conferences (FGC), to support those children who have just become looked after by the council or are on the edge of care, so that they can safely be returned home or remain with their families. This will enable better outcomes for families and also reduce the cost of placements.</p>
<p>Rationale: Haringey Council continues to experience high demand for statutory services, including a persistently high number of children and young people becoming Looked After. Whilst decision-making and application of thresholds have both been strengthened over the past 18 months, any further net reductions in Looked After Children (LAC) will require different forms of intervention with families before a child is accommodated. Family Group Conferencing is an internationally recognised evidence-based intervention, which originated in New Zealand, and has shown good results in diverting of children from coming from care and reduction in dependency on specialist services, by increasing family capacity to make decisions and increased resilience.</p>

SUMMARY			
Base Data	Financial Data £000	Workforce Data	
Current budget	30	Employees	n/a
Savings/Invest	£000	Change in employees	
Year 1	200	Year 1	n/a
Year 2	100	Year 2	n/a
Year 3	0	Year 3	
Year 4	0	Year 4	
Year 5	0	Year 5	
Total	300	Total	0

Key benefits:

Phase 1 of this project delivers on the cross-cutting theme of Value for Money, by replacing the commissioned service with a new, tested provider.

Phase 2 is expected to have an immediate, measurable impact on reducing the length of time a proportion of children and young people remain in care who are currently represented in the social care Looked After Children numbers.

Phase 3: is expected to have medium term (2017/18), measurable impact on reducing the length of time a proportion of children and young people remain in care who are currently represented in the social care Looked After Children numbers. It will achieve this through three measurable benefits

- Decrease the number of children coming into care, with a focus on 15-17 age group
- Increase the number of children/young people returned home
- Reduce the number of short term placements (1week – 6months)

Phase 4 is expected to extend the outcomes from Phase 3 with further positive impacts on the number and duration of cases within other parts of the Children's Social Care system, such as subject to Child in Need or Child Protection plans, and Care Leavers. It achieves this through delivering on two key cross-cutting themes from the Corporate Plan:

- Prevention and early intervention – supporting families to solve their problems before they become too entrenched and to reduce their need for statutory services.
- Working together with our communities – the Family Group conferences model supports wider Council efforts to build family and community resilience by giving a child's wider network a central role in co-producing positive outcomes for the child.
- Providing better outcomes for young people within the criminal justice system

Internal dependencies and external constraints:

Dependent on having an appropriate Looked After Children cohort who would benefit from Family Group Conferences

Procurement strategy:

By May 2017 award a block contract for a Family Group Conferences supplier.

Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	2017-18 £k	2018-19 £k	2019-20 £k	2020-21 £k	2021-22 £k
Benefits Estimated	330	160	0	0	0
Reduced benefits due to					
Additional Cost Estimated	130	60	0	0	0
Net Impact Cost/(Savings)	200	100	0	0	0
Cumulative Cost/(Savings)	200	300	300	300	300
Payback Period: 1 years					

Family Based Placements

Priority	1
Current Service Area	Looked After Children
Responsible Officer:	AD Safeguarding & Social Care/Head of Children in Care
Reference:	Family Based Placements
Type of saving:	Efficiency savings
Version:	1.0

Impact on Residents	Outcomes
Looked After Children cohort positively impacted via more appropriate care offer	Better permanency outcomes for Looked After Children

PROPOSAL
<p>Proposal:</p> <p>By increasing the range and type of in-house foster carers, alongside strengthening our Independent Fostering Agency arrangements, young people will be enabled to remain more locally, in appropriate family based placements which better meet their needs and achieve improved outcomes.</p> <p>An initial review had indicated that there are a small number of children currently in residential placements where we could deliver care closer to home, which would also be better value for money.</p> <p>This will mean that children and young people are provided with placements that better meet their needs as part of our ambition to deliver high quality care for our Looked After Children.</p> <p>Rationale: Analysis has indicated that by offering more family based placements, savings could be achieved, with a focus on those children who would most benefit from being appropriately stepped down into in-house foster care or Independent Fostering Agency.</p>

SUMMARY					
	Financial Data		Workforce Data		
Base Data	£000				
Current budget	12,583		Employees		
Savings/Invest	£000		Change in employees		
	Year 1	100	Year 1	n/a	
	Year 2	175	Year 2	n/a	
	Year 3	0	Year 3		
	Year 4	0	Year 4		
	Year 5	0	Year 5		
	Total	275	Total	0	

<p>Benefits:</p> <p>Financial: £275k Outcome: Will better meet the needs of Looked After Children more locally</p>

<p>Internal dependencies and external constraints:</p> <p>This saving is dependent on the availability of appropriate foster carers and Independent Fostering Agency arrangements</p>
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<p>Procurement strategy:</p> <p>A commissioning exercise would need to be undertaken with an Independent Fostering Agency.</p>

Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	2017-18 £k	2018-19 £k	2019-20 £k	2020-21 £k	2021-22 £k
Benefits Estimated (Savings)	100	175	0	0	0
Reduced benefits due to lead-on time (if applicable)					
Additional Cost Estimated					
Net Impact Cost/(Savings)	100	175	0	0	0
Cumulative Cost/(Savings)	100	275	275	275	275
Payback Period: not applicable					

Care Leavers: Semi-Independent Living

Priority	1
Current Service Area	Care Leavers
Responsible Officer:	AD Safeguarding & Social Care/Head of Children in Care
Reference:	Care Leavers: Semi-Independent Living
Type of saving:	Efficiency savings
Version:	1.0

PROPOSAL

Proposal:

Review the current Semi Independent Living cohort and where appropriate, consider easing the transition to financial independence more efficiently, where care leavers have successfully been supported to live independently. This provision of support would remain in line with statistical neighbours and aligned with the Supporting Housing proposal.

Rationale:

The Leaving Care Service has a function to support the transition of living independently for care leavers. Analysis has suggested that an indepth review would identify cases where payments could be ceased and clarify for future.

Benefits:

Financial: £100k

Procurement strategy:

N/A

Impact on Residents

Reducing dependence; building financial independence; careleavers living as other young people in the community but with support.

Outcomes

Improved independence for care leavers; better tenancy sustainment; higher employment rates for vulnerable young people.

SUMMARY

		Financial Data	Workforce Data	
Base Data		£000		
Current budget		1,699	Employees	147
Savings/Invest (up to)		£000	Change in employees	
	Year 1	25	Year 1	n/a
	Year 2	75	Year 2	n/a
	Year 3	0	Year 3	
	Year 4	0	Year 4	
	Year 5	0	Year 5	
	Total	100	Total	0

Internal dependencies and external constraints:

None

Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	2017-18 £k	2018-19 £k	2019-20 £k	2020-21 £k	2021-22 £k
Benefits Estimated	25	75			
Reduced benefits due to					
Additional Cost Estimated					
Net Impact Cost/(Savings)	25	75	0	0	0
Cumulative Cost/(Savings)	25	100	100	100	100

Payback Period: Not applicable

Adoption and Special Guardianship Order Payments

Priority	1
Current Service Area	Permanency
Responsible Officer:	AD Safeguarding & Social Care/Head of Children in Care
Reference:	Adoption and Special Guardianship Order Payments
Type of saving:	Efficiency savings
Version:	1.0

PROPOSAL

Proposal:

The proposal is based upon a review of support provision across adoption and Special Guardianship Orders, with a view to bringing the council in line with comparator boroughs and achieve savings through changes in the policy in three areas:

Payments for Adoptive Parents (£298k)

To refresh the payment policy for adoptive parents in order to reduce the spend in this area by limiting the length of time financial support is provided.

Special Guardianship Order Payments (£250k)

To refresh the payment policy for Special Guardianship Order payments in order to reduce spend in this area by making this by exception rather than a standard practice

Adoption Transport Allowances (£60k)

To review and refresh the adoption transport allowance in order to reduce spend in this area.

Rationale:

Payments for Adoptive Parents

Whilst it is common practice for support to be offered to adoptive parents this should be provided as an outcome of decisions following the financial capacity assessment. It is thought that by refreshing the policy and implementing it from April 2017, it is possible to reduce payments by having a clear process to follow which includes provision of assessed and time limited financial support.

Special Guardianship Order Payments

To refresh the payment policy for Special Guardianship Order payments in order to reduce spend in this area by making bringing payments in line with other local authorities. Initial analysis indicates that savings could be yielded by implementing these changes going forward but it would be highly challenging to do this retrospectively.

Adoption Transport Allowances

There is a need to review the transport payment offer for adoption as there are currently significant transport payments being made. Early analysis indicates that there could be a monthly saving once this expenditure is brought into line.

Benefits:

Financial: £608k

Procurement strategy:

n/a

Impact on Residents	Outcomes
Financial implications for Adopters and guardians	Increased equitability of support

SUMMARY

	Financial Data		Workforce Data	
Base Data	£000			
Current budget	2,739	Employees	147	
Savings/Invest	£000		Change in employees	
(up to)	Year 1	150	Year 1	n/a
	Year 2	148	Year 2	n/a
	Year 3	310	Year 3	n/a
	Year 4	0	Year 4	
	Year 5	0	Year 5	
	Total	608	Total	0

Internal dependencies and external constraints:

This saving is based upon implementation of policy changes

Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	2017-18 £k	2018-19 £k	2019-20 £k	2020-21 £k	2021-22 £k
Benefits Estimated (Savings)	150	148	310	0	0
Reduced benefits due to lead-on time (if applicable)					
Additional Cost Estimated					
Net Impact Cost/(Savings)	150	148	310	0	0
Cumulative Cost/(Savings)	150	298	608	608	608
Payback Period: Not applicable					

New Models of Care

Priority	1
Current Service Area	Children's Social Care and Health
Responsible Officer:	Director of Children's Services/AD Commissioning/Director of Public Health
Reference:	New Models of Care
Type of saving:	New Delivery Model
Version:	1.0

PROPOSAL
<p>Proposal: There are potentially further savings achievable across Priority 1 through partnerships and joint working including: integration with Haringey CCG, development of an Accountable Care Partnership with Islington Council and both Haringey and Islington CCGs, transformation across North Central London cluster, and shared services with other authorities.</p> <p>These savings have not yet been quantified but we anticipate joint working will add at least £1m by 18/19 to the achievement of savings targets for P1.</p>
<p>Rationale: In the context of the MTFS, it is important that services explore opportunities to work together to improve service offer through integration and Value for Money.</p>

<p>Benefits: Financial: £1m</p>
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<p>Procurement strategy: N/A</p>

Impact on Residents	Outcomes
More efficient pathways for accessing care	More efficient pathways for accessing care

SUMMARY				
Base Data	Financial Data	£000	Workforce Data	
Current budget	pooled budgets	Employees	pooled workforce	
Savings/Invest	£000	Change in employees		
(up to)	Year 1	0	Year 1	
	Year 2	1,000	Year 2	tbc
	Year 3	0	Year 3	
	Year 4	0	Year 4	
	Year 5	0	Year 5	
	Total	1,000	Total	0

<p>Internal dependencies and external constraints:</p>

Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	2017-18 £k	2018-19 £k	2019-20 £k	2020-21 £k	2021-22 £k
Benefits Estimated (Savings)		1000			
Reduced benefits due to lead-on time (if applicable)					
Additional Cost Estimated					
Net Impact Cost/(Savings)	0	1000			
Cumulative Cost/(Savings)	0	1000	1000	1000	1000
Payback Period: n/a					