

Budget Scrutiny Recommendations – Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel

Priority – 1				
Ref	MTFS Proposal	Further info requested by the Panel (if appropriate)	Recommendation	Cabinet Response Required (Yes/No)
1.1	Children’s Service – service redesign and workforce	none	The Panel welcome the strategic approach of making investments in the service to realise future savings	N
			The Panel welcome the pragmatic approach of bringing services in house, such as the Independent Reviewing Officers, allowing greater control on cost	N
			The Panel recommend there be meaningful consultation with staff, users and communities to ensure services are delivered effectively, including where savings are required.	Y
			The Panel welcome the efforts to chart and manage risk and would want to see this continue	N
1.2	Early Help and Targeted Response	None	The Panel welcome efforts to intervene earlier in supporting at-risk children, which may reduce longer term costs	N
			The Panel welcome efforts to model risk and forecast potential costs by identifying potential costs of different children-related activity and estimating likely uptake	N
1.3	New models of care	none	The Panel note there is a continuing interest in seeking partnership arrangements, and agree that should be on a pragmatic basis	N

Any Other Comments		
Panel's work programme	There should be a scrutiny project by the relevant scrutiny panel into the effect of poverty and austerity on child protection, including the cost implications	
	In the context of service design and delivery, the relevant panel should look at models of co-production in the next administration.	