Budget Proposal

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Ready for Work & Life – Proposal 1



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Title	Delivering Whole-System Support to Children
	with Additional Needs
Business Case Number	Ready For Work & Life (1)
Cabinet Member	Councillor Peter Earley
Responsible Chief Officer	Jacqui Old
Growth or Saving	Saving
Council Plan Theme	Our People

Summary of proposed change to Service

Delivering Whole-System Support to Children with Additional Needs; Changes in legislation and national policy regarding children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) have placed significant additional demands on local authorities. These changes also place an additional emphasis on the role of "local areas" to meet the needs of children with additional needs, including the full range of partners involved.

Rising demand has created significant pressures for all local authorities and their partners, and reinforced the need for a whole-system response. We will build resilience in the universal offer to prepare young people with additional needs for adult life by developing an integrated approach across education, health and care services.

As part of a wider strategy, this budget proposal is particularly concerned with ensuring needs are appropriately funded by the relevant agency, in line with statutory responsibilities and policy. We will ensure there is a clear policy for funding decisions and a consistently applied process for ensuring funding is appropriate and the source of funding is in line with the agreed policy. This will ensure the authority maximises the levels of Continuing Care funding received from the CCG or the wider NHS where health needs have been clearly identified and are being met by packages of care commissioned by the local authority

Impact for Customers

The overall strategy will ensure that children with additional needs receive the most appropriate support to ensure they are ready for school, work and life whilst being cared for and safeguarded.

There will be no direct impact for customers relating to this proposal, which is concerned with ensuring decisions about funding sources are clear and consistently applied.

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Impact for Partners

We will ensure we work closely with all key partners to agree the funding policy and decision-making processes.

Engagement

Beyond the engagement with partners outlined above, there will be no need for wider engagement as part of this specific budget proposal.

Financial Implications (if part year effect please include the number of months in first year)	Part year?	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
		£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Funding for Children with		(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Additional Needs					
TOTAL		(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)

Staffing Implications				
Number of posts Reduction (-), Increase	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
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None	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

What is the Risk Assessment for this proposal (see guidance notes for descriptions)?	Red	Amber	Green
	(High)	(Medium)	(Low)
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What are the Key Milestones and Outcomes?		
Milestone	Lead Officer	Completion Date
Funding policy agreed	Jacqui Old	February 2019
Funding process agreed	Jacqui Old	March 2019
Changes in place	Jacqui Old	April 2019

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Equality Impact Assessment

There will be no equality implications arising directly from this budget proposal, as it is concerned with the source of funding to meet needs, as opposed to any decisions relating to services to meet need.

Sign off

Financial Business Manager	Claire Emmerson	
Head of Service(s)	Jacqui Old	
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Mayor / Cabinet Member(s)	Cllr Peter Earley	