

Budget Proposal



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Cared For Safeguarded & Healthy – Proposal 2



North Tyneside Council

2019-2023 Budget Proposal

Title	Leading Sector Led Improvement
Business Case Number	Cared For (2)
Cabinet Member	Cllr Peter Earley
Responsible Chief Officer	Jacqui Old
Growth or Saving	Income
Council Plan Theme	Our People

Summary of proposed change to Service

North Tyneside Council has developed a national reputation for the quality of its children's services and has become a leader for improvements in the sector, ensuring our young residents are cared for, healthy and safeguarded.

North Tyneside Council's delivery of high quality children's services have been endorsed by Ofsted through a SIF inspection in 2017 and a Focused Visit to the authority's Front Door services in 2018. As a direct result of this, we successfully secured Partners in Practice status and funding from the Department for Education (DfE), in partnership with South Tyneside Council. This is a 2-year programme whereby we deliver Sector-Led Improvement (SLI) work to other local authorities in the country that require improvement.

This proposal is based on the opportunity to deliver additional SLI work that is outside and beyond the existing agreement and funded work with the DfE, which runs until the end of 2019/20. The primary focus of the Partners in Practice programme is for funded PiPs to work with other local authorities that are judged as 'Requires Improvement'; therefore, there is an opportunity to work with other authorities that are not in this category, yet are seeking some additional support. There are also a number of authorities judged to Require Improvement that are not currently receiving support through DfE-funded work, as there is insufficient capacity across the PiP network to support all authorities meeting the criteria.

Success of this proposal is dependent on:

- Maintaining, and further improving, quality and outcomes through delivery of North Tyneside services, in order to further grow our reputation across the sector
- Delivering our funded PiP obligations to a high standard and demonstrating our ability to support other authorities to improve
- Effective and proactive marketing of the North Tyneside offer across the sector
- Sufficient senior and operational management capacity to deliver this commercial work
- A 'whole Council' approach to SLI, as a number of our strengths which we could sell relate to areas outside of social care, such as data analysis and workforce development

It is also unclear what SLI work the DfE may fund following the end of this round of Partners

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in Practice. The Chancellor's Budget which was presented on 29th October announced additional funding to support improvement across the sector; this may also present an opportunity to access funding to deliver SLI work across the sector.

Sustaining a high profile within the sector also opens a number of opportunities to access other government funding streams.

Impact for Customers

This proposal relates to delivery of external work, so there is no direct impact for customers. However, we will need to ensure that the delivery of external work does not detract from the focus on quality services in North Tyneside.

Impact for Partners

There may be opportunities where it would be beneficial to involve some of the authority's key partners in the delivery of sector-led improvement, where this adds value and is a particular strength of ours – for example our multi-agency safeguarding hub.

Engagement

In order to successfully market and commercialise our SLI offer, we will need to have a highly effective approach to engage with other local authorities.

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
Income		(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
TOTAL		(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)

Staffing Implications					
Number of posts Reduction (-), Increase (+) WTE	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	
TOTAL					

What is the Risk Assessment for this proposal (see guidance notes for descriptions)?	Red (High)	Amber (Medium)	Green (Low)
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What are the Key Milestones and Outcomes?		
Milestone	Lead Officer	Completion Date
Develop service offer and costings	Jacqui Old	April 2019
Develop marketing campaign	Jacqui Old	April 2019
Ongoing delivery of work	Jacqui Old	From April 2019

Equality Impact Assessment
No adverse impacts upon people with protected characteristics are anticipated.

Sign off

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