

Budget Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the budget proposal

Budget proposal description and summary:

SSHH1009 - Savings from reduced numbers of LAC - £250k

Ensure that only those children who need to be in care are admitted and remain and that those in care have safe and stable placements. Safeguarding will always remain a top priority.

Service Area: Children's Services

Directorate: Social Services Health & Housing

2. Does the budget proposal affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	X	
Staff		X
Wider community		X
Internal administrative process only		X

3. Does the budget proposal impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
Age	X				L	Looked After Children are aged 0-17. To provide some context; as at 13 th January 2020, there were 303 Children Looked After (Including paid and Non-paid placements, but excluding Respite placements).
Disability		X	None			There are no known impacts for this group.
Gender Reassignment		X	None			There are no known impacts for this group.
Marriage/Civil Partnership		X	None			There are no known impacts for this group.
Pregnancy/Maternity		X	None			There are no known impacts for this group.
Race		X	None			There are no known impacts for this group.
Religion/Belief		X	None			There are no known impacts for this group.
Sex		X	None			There are no known impacts for this group.
Sexual orientation		X	None			There are no known impacts for this group.

4. Does the budget proposal impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/ How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		x	None			There are no known impacts on the use of Welsh language. A Welsh language service is provided in line with Council Policies and Welsh Language Standards.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		x	None			There are no known impacts. The proposal will not affect any potential future requests for a service in Welsh.

5. Does the budget proposal embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the budget proposal supports the long term well-being of people	X		The proposal aims to increase the number of children and young people who reside in a stable family setting.
Integration - how the budget proposal impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	X		The proposal is in keeping with the following Well-being objective and associated Improvement Priority: <i>Well-being Objective: 'To improve the well-being of children and young people'.</i> <i>Improvement Priority: 'Children and young people in need of protection,</i>

			<i>care and support will be protected and safeguarded and more of those children and young people will be able to grow-up in a stable family setting’.</i>
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the budget proposal	X		On a case-by-case basis, children and young people are regularly consulted with regards to their specific care and support arrangements. However, on a strategic level, the proposal is currently out for consultation as part of the Council’s budget processes. Consultation responses to be used to inform the final proposal, including any mitigating actions.
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	X		Children and Young People Services have long-standing and robust relationships with multi-agency partners, with the common goal of improving the <i>well-being of children and young people</i> .
Prevention - how the budget proposal will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	X		The proposal aims to increase the number of children and young people who reside in a stable family setting and in doing so, reducing the likelihood of potential safeguarding issues.

6. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate)

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	X
Reasons for this conclusion	
This proposal is in keeping with Children and Young People Services long-term and successful strategy in safely reducing the number of Looked After Children and as a consequence; increasing the number of children and young people who reside in a stable family setting.	

A full impact assessment (second stage) is required	
Reasons for this conclusion	

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