

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

**Agenda
Item No.**

DATE: 22 November 2007

DRAFT BUDGET 2008/9 PROPOSALS

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Cllr Zahid – Children’s Services
Cllr Arif – Procurement, Transformation & Performance Management

Summary of report

This report presents service specific saving and investment options in respect of the revenue budget 2008/9 to enable consideration and recommendations to cabinet.

Recommendations

1. To consider the options and make recommendations to cabinet as appropriate.

Background papers

Various financial working papers.

Reason for scrutiny

To enable scrutiny of the budget and options for investment and savings in the context of setting the 2008/9 corporate revenue budget.



Signed

Chief Finance Officer – James T Walsh

Date: 14 November 2007

Resource and legal considerations

Services were requested to identify efficiency savings and investment for consideration in the setting of the 2008/9 corporate revenue budget. These savings and investment proposals have been prepared by officers and presented to cabinet who are considering them as part of preparing their draft budget proposals.

Citizen impact

The budget is aligned with service activity within service plans across the council. Investment has been targeted at service improvement, stability and user demand.

Environmental impact

None directly associated with this report.

Performance management

Investment and savings options are considered in the context of service targets and outcomes.

Equality Implications

Services consider equality issues in setting budgets and delivering services. Irrespective of budgetary pressures the council must fulfil equal opportunities obligations.

Consultation

Scrutiny panels will receive service specific budget options for consultation and consideration in November 2007. A further meeting is scheduled for January 2008 to consider the overall draft corporate revenue budget 2008/9.

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1. INVESTMENT AND SAVINGS OPTIONS 2008/9

1.1 Investment

As part of the budget process investments are identified by services in line with service plans across the council and are targeted at service improvement, stability and user demand. **Appendix 1** shows details of service specific investments currently put forward for consideration.

Table 1 – Summary of Investment Options – 2008/09

Type of Investment	£m
Invest to Save	0.150
TOTAL	0.150

1.2 Savings

In order to ensure a balanced budget services have submitted savings options for consideration. These options were worked up by managers and have also been considered by SLT. A risk assessment for each option has been undertaken to assess the affects on service delivery. Appendix 2 details service specific savings which have been categorised into the following themes:

- Fees and charges – there are no fees and charges relating to the services covered by this scrutiny panel.
- Efficiencies

Table 2 - Summary of Savings Options – 2008/09

Type of Investment	£m
General Efficiencies	0.339
Procurement Savings	1.575
Total Savings Options	1.914

1.3 Full year effect of savings and investment options approved for 2007/8

There are no savings and investments relating to the services covered by this scrutiny panel.

2. Net change to budget 2007/8 to 2008/9

The table below shows the impact of inflation and savings plus investment proposals, should they all be approved the net resulting change to the 2008/9 budget.

Calculation of Net Increase in Children's Budget (excluding Procurement)

Description	£m
Base Budget 2007/8	73.843
Budget refresh: allocation of pay inflation	0.407
Budget refresh: allocation of contractual and other inflation	0.967
Removal of one-off items	(0.639)
Sub-total prior to new investment and new efficiencies	74.578
New Investment	0.150
New Efficiencies	(0.339)
Base Budget 2008/9	74.389
Net Increase in Budget after refresh	(0.189)
Net % Increase in Budget	-0.25%
Net overall increase in Budget incl. inflation and FYE	0.74%

Calculation of Net Increase in Procurement Budget

Description	£m
Base Budget 2007/8	(0.088)
Budget refresh: allocation of pay inflation	0.019
Budget refresh: allocation of contractual and other inflation	(0.010)
Sub-total prior to new investment and new efficiencies	(0.078)
New Investment	0.000
New Efficiencies	(1.575)
Base Budget 2008/9	(1.653)
Net Increase in Budget after refresh	(1.565)

Calculation of Net Increase in ICT Budget

Description	£m
Base Budget 2007/8	(0.977)
Budget refresh: allocation of pay inflation	0.073
Budget refresh: allocation of contractual and other inflation	0.052
Sub-total prior to new investment and new efficiencies	(0.852)
New Investment	0.000
New Efficiencies	0.000
Base Budget 2008/9	(0.852)
Net Increase in Budget after refresh	0.125

3 SUMMARY

- 3.1 This report details all service specific investment and savings options for consideration in the 2008/9 budget setting process to enable scrutiny to make recommendations to cabinet.

NEW INVESTMENT

INVESTMENT No.	STRATEGIC CHOICE / INVESTMENT BID	SERVICE AREA	ANNUAL NET COST			IMPACT ON STAFF No's	DETAILS OF HOW THE INVESTMENT MEETS THE COUNCIL'S VISION PRIORITIES	CONSEQUENCES / RISK OF NOT GOING AHEAD	MEASURABLE EFFECT ON KEY INDICATORS (REGIONAL & NATIONAL COMPARATORS, BVPIS)
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11				
CHILDRENS, ICT AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES									
1	Additional Child Concern Workers to support the development of localised integrated working. Early co-ordinated intervention in the issues facing a child/young person will prevent referral to specialist services & enable child to better meet ECM outcomes. Year 1 also incorporates costs to develop and deliver an accredited parenting programme for children's practitioners. 2 programmes x 10 practitioners; facility costs; co-ordinator costs Will facilitate additional savings within corporate parenting placements budget.	Universal Services	150,000	100,000	100,000	0	Supports development of localised working & integrated working; contributes to ensuring every child is supported to meet the ECM outcomes; reduces need for specialist services	No reduction in referrals to specialist services and discharges from care	Referral to Specialist Services reduce; number of assessments by specialist services completed within timescales increases, number discharges increase.CCA 15;CH143;PAF C64;CCA10
			0	(200,000)	(200,000)				
			150,000	(100,000)	(100,000)				
	TOTAL CHILDRENS, ICT AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES		150,000	(100,000)	(100,000)	0			

EFFICIENCIES

No.	DESCRIPTION	SERVICE AREA	ANNUAL NET COST		
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
CHILDRENS, ICT AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES					
1	Vulnerable children's service - reduction in mileage budgets	Specialist Services	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)
2	Child protection & review services - reduction in supplies budgets	Specialist Services	(13,000)	(13,000)	(13,000)
3	Local and prevention - realignment of grant funding	Universal Services	(61,000)	(61,000)	(61,000)
4	Youth offending service - remodelling for development of integrated youth support service	Universal Services	(45,000)	(45,000)	(45,000)
5	Sharpened approach to procurement activity	Procurement	(1,575,000)	(2,735,000)	(3,735,000)
6	Youth service - remodelling for development of integrated youth support service	Universal Services	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)
TOTAL CHILDRENS AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES			(1,914,000)	(3,074,000)	(4,074,000)