

Section A

Portfolio :	Health and Wellbeing
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Cabinet Member :	Cllr J Harrison
Support Officer :	Clare Bamforth

Service Area :	Children in Care
Budget Reduction title :	Shared Services-collaborative approach with neighbouring authorities

Budget Reduction Proposal and Objectives :

The proposal is to enter into a joint working approach with neighbouring local authorities in respect of key elements of children’s social care which will include, where appropriate, formally established shared services. At this stage, the Council is working with Rochdale, Bury and Tameside who have recently expressed an interest in exploring joint working further.

2016/17 Revenue Budget and Establishment	Exp £000	Income £000	Net £000
Controllable	17,317	(2,890)	14,427
Non-Controllable	1,055	(0)	1,055
Total Revenue Budget	18,372	(2,890)	15,482
Current Forecast (under) / overspend			203

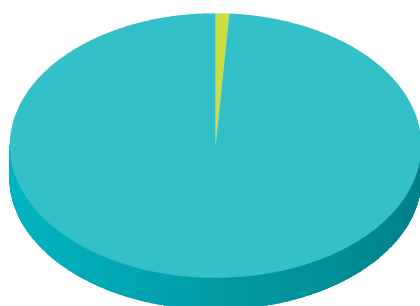
Number of Posts (Full Time Equivalent)	121.00
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Proposed Revenue Budget Reductions	£000
Proposed Budget Reduction 2017/18	185
Additional reductions in future years?	No
Proposed Budget Reduction 2018/19	0

Proposed Staffing Reductions	
2017/18 Full Time Equivalent	0.00
2018/19 Full Time Equivalent	0.00

Proposed 2017/18 Budget Reduction as % of Total 2016/17 Controllable Expenditure

(1%)



(99%)

Proposed 2017/18 FTE Reduction as % of Total 2016/17 FTE

No 2017/18 FTE Reduction proposed

(100%)

Section B

Further detail on the proposal

The plan is to establish joint service delivery or commissioning arrangements across a number of areas. Shared services could lead to the sharing of common processes and associated costs as well as a potential reduction in management costs in order to deliver the saving.

Further details will be provided following negotiations with partner authorities most notably Tameside and Rochdale. Please note the achievement of this proposal is reliant on partner intentions and willingness to work with the Council, therefore the ability to achieve the saving is at high risk.

At this stage the Council believes that the £185k savings identified for 2017/18 are achievable but due to the uncertainty of the proposal and the arrangements to be included, an increased amount is not proposed for 2018/19.

This joint approach will cover a number of services which are being scoped at the moment. The need to complete an EIA will be kept under review and if any disproportionate adverse impacts do emerge, we will carry out an EIA.

Who are the key stakeholders?

The Council, neighbouring authorities as identified above, families using the services, safeguarding partners - especially Greater Manchester Police.

Benefits to the organisation/staff/customers including performance improvements

Where Oldham performs well, the Council will seek to ensure any new arrangements do not compromise this and the Council will take a lead role as appropriate. There may be new arrangements which would actually lead to an improvement of local performance. Sharing the usage and costs of these services would be of benefit to the Council providing local need and demand is still met, and that the overall aims of each individual services is not compromised as a result.

Section C

Key Risks and Mitigations:

Risk	Mitigation
Partners no longer wish to collaborate on this area.	Other partners are found.
Oldham's service offer diminishes.	Clear identification of risks and benefits including Oldham's 'red line'.
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

Key Development and Delivery Milestones:

Milestone	Timeline
Initial discussions with partners authorities.	End of September 2016.
Clear identification of services and new arrangements to be considered.	End of March 2017.
New services in place.	By October 2017.
N/A	N/A

What impact does the proposal have on the following? :

Property
Unknown at this stage until the services being considered are confirmed.
Service Delivery
Oldham children and their families would continue to receive a comprehensive preventative offer. Whilst there could be some initial changes to services delivery this will be managed and the risks will be mitigated.
Future expected outcomes
To be determined once services and arrangements in scope have been confirmed.
Organisation
Through any new joint working arrangements, the Council will continue to meet its statutory obligations. Clarity of respective obligations and accountabilities between partners will be established prior to any new joint working arrangements.
Workforce
Not known at this stage.
Communities
None anticipated.
Service Users
No detrimental impact anticipated.
Partner Organisations
None anticipated.

Consultation Required?	No
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	Start	Conclusion
Staff	not applicable	not applicable
Trade Union	not applicable	not applicable
Public	not applicable	not applicable
Service User	not applicable	not applicable
Other	not applicable	not applicable

Equality Impact Screening

Is there the potential for the proposed budget reduction to have a disproportionate adverse impact on any of the following?

Disabled people	No
Particular Ethnic Groups	No
Men or women (including impacts due to pregnancy/maternity)	No
People who are married or in a civil partnership	No
People of particular sexual orientation	No
People who are proposing to undergo, undergoing or have undergone a process or part of a process of gender reassignment	No
People on low incomes	No
People in particular age groups	No
Groups with particular faiths and beliefs	No

EIA required? (automatically updates to Yes, if any of the above impacts are Yes)	No
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Economic Impact Summary (if known)

Total Net job losses (gains) inc partners? (FTE)	0.00
Total financial loss to partners (£000)	0.00
Type of impact on partners	None

Section D

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Cabinet Member Signature		
Name and Date	Cllr J Harrison	16-Jan-2017