

Budget Option 2018/19 – 2019/20

Cumulative Net Savings

Reference:	CYPS 7
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2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000
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Director Responsible for Delivery	Ian Thomas
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Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Cllr Watson
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Finance Business Partner	Mick Wildman
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Proposal Description	Sufficiency - Block contracts (residential)
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Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)	This is part of the wider sufficiency work linked to the Looked After Children and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy 2017 – 2021. The priority is to ensure children in care are placed in the most appropriate placement available and that there is a market available to meet those needs. Ensuring sufficiency of all placement types in and close to Rotherham is important across both foster care and residential provision. Discussions are progressing with two potential providers with a view to block purchasing two placements in a residential home within Rotherham. The Council's aspiration is that children live in a family environment. However residential care will sometimes be the best option, either long term or as a short term transition to prepare them for family life. Nationally and regionally, ongoing demand for residential care outstrips the supply available due to the increase in the number of care proceedings and children coming into care, including the need for more specialist placements, and the reduction in group residential provision as more emphasis is placed on developing foster care and other family settings. This national shortage of residential placements is meaning
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	the Council's commissioning team are finding it more and more difficult to secure quality placements. Initial modelling indicates that, by purchasing placements in a Rotherham residential home, £25k per placement per year could be saved compared to some of the more expensive out of authority residential provision.
Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)	
Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify)	Support will be required from Finance
Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)	0
Reduction in Head Count	0
Decision Maker: Either Cabinet, Commissioner or Officer/Management Action	Commissioner Bradwell