

Budget Option 2018/19 – 2019/20

Cumulative Net Savings

Reference:	CYPS 8
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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 - Foster Care Recruitment
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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 foster care and residential provision. This proposal aims to build upon the success evidenced from the investment proposal for Foster Carer Recruitment in 2017/18. In 2015/16 only 13 new foster carer families were recruited. In 2016/17 this had increased to 22 approvals arising from 191 enquiries albeit at a conversion rate of only 12%. In 2017/18, between April and September, 7 new foster carers have been approved (covering 12 placements). A further 4 assessments have been completed and are awaiting presentation to the Fostering Panel by the end of December (would make 16 placements in total assuming that each of these 4 are only approved for one child). It is therefore looking likely that last year's performance (of 22) will be exceeded and that this year's performance will be much greater than the original target set of a net increase of
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Appendix 4 - CYPS

	15 foster placements per year (covering 2017/18 to 2019/20). As this target is currently forecast to be surpassed in-year, a stretch target is recommended to 20 per year – an increase of 5 – for 2018/19 and 2019/20. It is estimated that the savings generated would be in the region on £20k per place based on a move from an Independent Foster Placement to an in-house carer.
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