

## Budget Option 2018/19 – 2019/20

### Cumulative Net Savings

<b>Reference:</b>	CYPS 6
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2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000
0	150	150

<b>Director Responsible for Delivery</b>	Ian Thomas
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<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr Watson
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<b>Finance Business Partner</b>	Mick Wildman
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<b>Proposal Description</b>	Sufficiency - Independent Fostering Agencies, First Preference
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<b>Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)</b>	<p>Letters have been sent to all Rotherham Independent Fostering Agencies with a view to the Council securing a first preference agreement when placements become available.</p> <p>The new arrangement, to be in place by end of this financial year, will enhance the placement offer.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ensuring sufficiency of all placement types in and close to Rotherham is important across foster care and residential provision.</p> <p>The needs of children and young people can only be met effectively if they live in an environment that provides a high quality of care and support, generally within a family home setting and in a geographical location that is familiar.</p> <p>Wherever possible, children and young people should be placed within their own community which enables them to continue to have contact with the people and community of</p>
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	<p>the most importance to them, thus promoting identify and a strong sense of self, fundamental to resilience in later life. In addition, placing children in Rotherham ensures a better oversight and control over educational provision and other support services.</p> <p>Expanding the fostering offer within Rotherham will help to address the placement shortage in the borough and re-direct some children from more expensive placements outside of the authority.</p>
<p><b>Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)</b></p>	
<p><b>Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify)</b></p>	<p>Support will be required from Finance</p>
<p><b>Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)</b></p>	<p>0</p>
<p><b>Reduction in Head Count</b></p>	<p>0</p>
<p><b>Decision Maker: Either Cabinet, Commissioner or Officer/Management Action</b></p>	<p>Commissioner Bradwell</p>