Children & Young People: Phase 2 Savings Proposals 2011/14

Reference	CYP13		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Access				
Proposal	JCG 2 Early Years Universal				
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		695	1,000	1,695	

Brief description:-

Within 24 months the partnership will provide targeted provision for children, young people age 0-19, and their families, across Lewisham's four children's services areas and all settings. Services will interface seamlessly with universal services based on robust and holistic assessments of need, ensuring no wrong door, and providing interventions as a team around the child/family. This will improve outcomes and prevent needs escalating to a specialist level. Improved needs assessment and targeting of resources will both improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local services and reduce costs.

Reference	CYP14		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Access				
Proposal	JCG 2 Early Years Universal – Part of CYP13				
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
Brief description :- Part of CYP 13					

Reference	CYP15	CYP15		Phase 2	
Service Division	Access				
Proposal	Grouped exper	Grouped expenditure project Early Childhood centres			
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
	729	739	712	2,180	

Brief description:-

There are 4 Early Years Centres: Rushey Green, Honor Oak, Amersham and Ladywell.

They provide full day care for children 0-5.

The introduction of the extended free provision for ¾ year olds and the change in the economic climate has resulted in a decline in demand for childcare. 900 providers closed last year nationally. The 4 centres provide the following places:

Amersham - 100 places 38.5 filled (at time of the review)

Honor Oak - 68 places 54 filled (some specialist SEN places)

Ladywell - 80 places 39 filled (vacancies kept temporarily to accommodate closure of MSDN)

Rushey Green - 60 places 56 filled (SEN specialist places available)

The current costs of the council making this provision is just in excess of £300 per week per child. The charge made is £175 per place per week as a flat rate. The range of price in Lewisham PVIs is £120 – 250 per child per week. On average most providers charge 12% higher rates for an under 2 place.

This proposal is to close one EYC in Year 1 based on efficiency and concerns. To reduce the budgets of the remaining three centres so that there is a clearer match between expenditure and income. This will enable an alternative management arrangement to be secured in Years 2 and 3 – either a third party provider or management buy out.

Reference	CYP16 P		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Access				
Proposal	Grouped exper	Grouped expenditure proposal IYSS			
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		100	100	200	

To increase the efficiency of the IYSS service by ensuring that there is a Young People's hub in each of the 4 areas providing a range of high quality service and activities for young people. To increase the efficiency of the service by cutting activities that are high cost and only attract a small number of young people.

Rationalise claims based workers and review staffing ratios. Re-structure the Youth and Adventure Playground management structure. Consider finding a third party provider possibly the RSL to run the new APG in Ladywell.

Reference	CYP17 F		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Access				
Proposal	JCG Training project grant funded activity early years. Grant substitution.				
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		55	60	115	

Brief description:-

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- 2. To develop an integrated competency based training programme for 2011/12, split between purchased services and in-house provision.
- 3. To deliver from an aggregated budget, a minimum of 10% saving in training delivery costs to all contributing agencies.
- 4. Organisations included in the initial scoping exercise:
- Council, PCT, UHL, Metropolitan Police, voluntary sector, Probation, Lewisham College and Goldsmith's College staff.

Reference	CYP39 P		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Children Social care					
Proposal	Reduction in c	Reduction in children BLA age 14+				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		100	100	200		

Brief description:-

Achieved through increased use of Family Support commissioned services. This saving is dependent on the partnership being able to meet the needs of 14+ children through partnership working using the Team Around a Child to keep children in their family.

Reference	CYP40 F		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Children Social care				
Proposal	Reduction of 5x Social Work Assistants (SWA) in Referral and assessment. The MUNRO review may change the requirement.				
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		70	70	140	

The new Working Together guidance makes it clear that only qualified workers can complete assessments. As this group of workers carry out this work their work will reduce. New national guidance states that assessment of CIN must not be undertaken by unqualified social workers. It is also intended that CIN work is relocated to children's centre.

Reference	CYP41		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Children Social care				
Proposal	Merge services across: 1. R&A and CIN and Child Protection; 2. LAC, FSI (care planning), Adoption and Kinship; 3. Reduce 1 X SM; 4. Reduce 1 x BSO				
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		50	75	125	

Brief description:-

Merge services across

- 1. R&A and CIN and CP;
- 2. LAC, FSI (care planning), Adoption and Kinship
- 3. Reduce 1 X SM
- 4. Reduce 1 x BSO

Reference	CYP42	CYP42		Phase 2		
Service Division	Children Socia	Children Social care				
Proposal	Reduction in re	Reduction in referrals through lo-location 1.6 x BSO				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
			60	60		

Brief description:-

Work with the Police will reduce the number of contacts that take up a considerable amount of admin time.

Reference	CYP43		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Children Socia	Children Social care				
Proposal	Reduction in S	Reduction in Section 17.				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		375		375		

Brief description :-

Section 17 is used to provide short-term financial support to vulnerable families. However, there are now a range of commissioned family support services which can provide support to vulnerable families. Thus reduction in S17 payment. But note that this budget is also used for expert assessment pre-proceedings. Impact – reduce S17 may lead to increase in children into care

CYP44		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2
Children Social care			
Removal of CAMHS Social Workers			
2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total			
		160	160
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Therapeutic help to be provided by other services within CAHMS rather than social workers.

Reference	CYP45		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Children Social	l care			
Proposal	Reduction of external consultants for complaints, SCRs, mediation & etc.				
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		60	60	120	

Brief description:-

As a result of having to undertake serious case reviews in the last 12 months the C & YP directorate has had to employ consultants who have been commissioned to undertake investigative work. Savings can be realised if this work is undertaken by existing staff with no involvement in the cases. This would be a development opportunity for staff; there is an issue of capacity of course. We also have to employ independent people in the second stage of the complaints process; we are seeking through a change in practice to reduce the number of independents involved which will realise a saving

Reference	CYP47	CYP47 P		Phase 2	
Service Division	Children Socia	Children Social care			
Proposal	Review Busine	Review Business Support with the intention of reducing 2 posts			
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	
		60		60	

Brief description:-

Review Business Support with the intention of reducing 2 posts. To identify where savings can be made across the Children's Social Care Division.

Reference	CYP48		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Children Socia	Children Social care			
Proposal	JCG Training a	JCG Training and Development			
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total			
		15	15	30	

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Reference	CYP49 F		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	SCHOOL STAN	IDARDS				
Proposal	Strategic Leade	Strategic Leadership				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total		
	239	74		313		

Given the range of changes to national programmes of support to schools and the reductions in grant a wholesale review of the service will be required. This set of proposals are the interim steps to manage the immediate need for reductions. Once the government position on school improvement is clear and the position on ABG are resolved a formal review can be undertaken to establish the future shape of the service.

The number of school improvement officers will be reduced by 3 fte posts with a 2fte reduction in administration support. Primary Curriculum support will be reduced by 1 team coordinator and 0.5fte admin posts. The Healthy schools team reduced by 0.6fte. Some savings will be used to strengthen the strategic leadership (£146k). At this stage the planned saving in costs will be £488k. In addition there will be proposals for staffing reductions related to loss of grants in the ABG. These are estimated in the region of 12 posts.

Reference	CYP50		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	SCHOOL STAN	IDARDS			
Proposal	JCG School St	JCG School Support Traded services -ICT			
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	
		70	75	145	

Brief description :- Project Aim:

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Reference	CYP51	CYP51 F		Phase 2	
Service Division	SCHOOL STAN	IDARDS			
Proposal	JCG Training	JCG Training			
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	
		15	15	30	

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Reference	CYP63		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2
Service Division	RESOURCES			
Proposal	Estates - consulta	ancy		
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total
	20	·		20

Estates - FM consultancy. To introduce a service level agreement with rebuilt PFI schools for a proportion of the costs of monitoring the contract with the Facilities Management providers.

Reference	CYP64		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	RESOURCES				
Proposal	PA/ Secretarial su	PA/ Secretarial support re-organisation			
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	
	20	60	80	160	

Brief description:-

PA/ Secretarial support re-organisation. A review of PA and secretarial support across the directorate to reduce levels of personal support through more team based support approaches.

Reference	CYP65		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2
Service Division	RESOURCES			
Proposal	JCG School Sup	port Traded service	es	
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total
		35	35	70

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Customer Services: Phase 2 Savings Proposals 2011/14

Reference	CUS03		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Strategic Housing	Strategic Housing and Regulatory Services				
Proposal	Review of Tempo	Review of Temporary Accommodation				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 TOTAL				
	50	250	200	500		

Brief Description:

This saving would be achieved by changes to the way in which temporary accommodation is procured and managed. This will release savings through more efficient procurement and management.

Reference	CUS16		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Public Services				
Proposal	Revenues - Close Cashiers to the Public				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	TOTAL	
	75	75		150	

Brief Description:

By closing the cashiers office to the public a saving of 5 posts can be made. The saving will be phased over 2 years to accommodate restructuring of the remaining back office functions. This will include realigning management responsibility for the back office functions and handling cash and other forms of income collected by Council departments.

This is a common approach being taken by Local Authorities to make savings, but it is recognised that the service will have to work with customers to ensure smooth transition towards other methods of payment.

Reference	CUS28		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2
Service Division	Environment			
Proposal	No provision of Sundays	f service to desig	nated streets and the	Town Centres on
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	TOTAL
		430		430

Brief Description:

This saving can be made by ceasing the Sunday sweeping service to the Town Centres, main roads and other smaller centres. There would be no redundancy implications as the service is run by agency staff. This will, however, have a significant impact on the standards of street-cleaning.

There will be an impact on the sweeping for the rest of the week. The sweeping on a Sunday morning includes cleaning up litter from the night life on Saturday. In addition these areas are zone1 to which we have an obligation under the EPA.

Reference	CUS29		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Environment				
Proposal	Stop street recycling service				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	TOTAL	
	168	-	-	168	

Brief Description:

The cessation of the street litter recycling service would have an impact on the councils recycling targets as since introducing the service in July 2009, 132,450kg of recyclable waste has been sent for recycling.

Reference	CUS33		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Environment					
Proposal	Reduce Parks in	Reduce Parks investment programme				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 TOTAL				
	132	132	132	396		

There is a budget of £397k for parks and open space improvements including funding for the Green Flag park programme. This budget could be reduced annually over the next 3 years.

This would mean scaling back the number of Green Flag Parks and ending the provision of civic pride planting schemes and the boroughs participation in London In Bloom.

Reference	CUS35		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Environment					
Proposal	Beckenham Pla	Beckenham Place Park management contract				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	TOTAL		
	41			41		

Brief Description:

The tendering process for the contract for the management of Beckenham Place Park is currently underway and while it is difficult to predict the level of savings to be made it is reasonable to assume a saving of 6% of current spend.

Regeneration: Phase 2 Savings Proposals 2011/14

Reference	REG01	Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2			
Service Division	Programme & property Management					
Proposal	Reduce size of corporate estate					
Savings £000's	00's 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14					
		500	500	1000		

Brief description:-

The budget for the corporate estate totals £8m. This budget supports all the premises costs for the circa 170 buildings that comprise the core operational estate, and vary in size from Laurence House to a small community centre on an estate.

It is proposed to halve the size of the corporate estate focussing on those buildings with high running costs, high future repair requirements, relatively low levels of use and as a result reduce costs by £1m. This is a very large programme of work with a preparatory phase still in progress, it will involve proposals to close and dispose of buildings and, potential service relocation to alternative premises. Options for asset transfer will also be considered providing revenue costs do not fall on the Council. Savings will take more than a year to generate with £0.5m considered potentially deliverable in 2012-13 and a further £0.5m in 2013-14. Given that proposed closures are likely to include office buildings, libraries, adult education and community centres they are considered to be contentious and therefore high risk.

Reference	REG04	Phase ((1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Planning & E	Planning & Economic Development				
Proposal	Move from D	Move from Development Control to Development Management				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total		
		100		100		

Brief description:-

The business process review of development control and land charges identifies that, in addition to the 2010/11 saving of £50k, around a further £100k could be saved through changes focused mainly on the approach to the core business of processing planning applications. This will be achieved by a reorganisation of the service to move from a reactive development control approach to a proactive development management structure. This would be likely to result in the loss of between 1 and 5 posts.

Reference	REG06	Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Transport			
Proposal	Review transport management structure			
Savings £000's	2011-12	Total		
	125			125

Brief description:-

Lewisham's Head of Transport retires in August 2010. It is assumed that an interim will be appointed for a short period to manage change. Given transport's age profile other changes are possible in the next year or so. This offers the opportunity to review the structure to move functions within Lewisham or to consider joint arrangements with another authority. It is assumed that the savings would be equivalent to the loss of one Head of Service post, or £125k, though the saving might be achieved in alternative ways.

Reference	REG08	Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Transport				
Proposal	Highways Network management collaborative working			king	
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		175	25	200	

Network Management maintains 400km of roads and other highway assets, manages utilities and manages traffic. It includes street lighting – due to pass to a Private Finance Initiative [PFI] in 2011. It has also been subject to a business process review and is a prime candidate for joint working with another Council. This could be an adjoining Council or another with whom we have a relationship such as Croydon – our lighting PFI partner. Complete integration of the function could allow the number of posts to be reduced by up to 50%, but a more cautious assumption would be 25% or 5 posts. This would reduce costs by £200k

Resources: Phase 2 Savings Proposals 2011/14

Reference	RES 08		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Human Resource	Human Resources				
Proposal	Corporate & Bu	Corporate & Business Partners				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
			150	150		

Brief description:-

The employee relations function to be aligned with the advisory services function with a rationalisation of overall management and business partner support as well as a reduction in management development.

Reference	RES 21		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2	
Service Division	Strategy				
Proposal	Communications Reorganisation				
Savings £000's	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
		284		284	

Brief description:-

Restructure the Communications Unit deleting nine posts. Merge Marketing and PR functions to create a team of Communications Officers jointly responsible for securing the reputation of the Council, promoting our services and the borough to citizens and engaging with residents.

Reference	RES 33		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Technology & T	Technology & Transformation				
Proposal	Reduced Volum	Reduced Volumes				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
			400	400		

Brief description:-

Reduce numbers of end-user devices, accounts, licences, servers and to some extent, data volumes. Also take 'licence holiday' from Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, worth a net £125k per annum. This assumes a 20-25% reduction in staffing achieved across the Council, reducing the demand for 'desktops' and user accounts and some possible device sharing.

Reference	RES 34		Phase (1 or 2)	Phase 2		
Service Division	Technology & T	Technology & Transformation				
Proposal	Application Rati	Application Rationalisation				
Savings £000's	2011-12	2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Total				
			150	150		

Brief description:-

Assumes saving on software maintenance and other external costs [development etc] achieved through retiring line-of-business systems that can be supported on corporate platforms. This will require a process of aggressive software portfolio rationalisation and, wherever possible, achieving savings on software costs through tactical system replacements with shared service and 'cloud' offerings. User preparedness for change, and acceptance of generic solutions, is a prerequisite for this saving.