

Overview of Responses and Recommendations

Budget Proposals 16/17: Family Resource Service		Julie Penley – Service Manager	19 January 2016 Version 2 (Exec)
Proposal:	To reduce the Family Resource team (FRS) budget.		
Total budget 15/16:	£830,440	Recommended officer saving 16/17:	£100,000 (12%)
Initial proposed saving 16/17:	£100,000 (12%)	Final recommendation to Executive 16/17:	To proceed with this savings proposal, without any modifications.
Nos of responses:	Four responses were received, three from individuals and one from an organisation (Newbury Family Counselling service)		
Key issues raised:	<p>Concern that the service provided by FRS is a vital part of our early intervention and prevention services and any reduction will lead families to suffer hardship, stress and go into crisis/breakdown.</p> <p>It will costs the council more if we don't provide these early intervention services and more intensive and statutory interventions may be needed</p> <p>The services provided are to the most vulnerable which the council should be protecting</p>		
Equality issues:	None in addition to those expected		
Suggestions for reducing the impact on service users:	Suggestion	Council response	
	None received.		
Alternative options for applying the saving in this area:	Suggestion	Council response	
	None received.		
Suggestions for how others may help contribute:	You could get another organisation to provide (voluntary) but you would need to train staff and would likely be more expensive.		
Officer conclusion as a result of the responses:	There was no new information or suggestions made. There will be a reduction to service and longer waiting times if budget proposals. However, FRS will target its service to those families and children most at need and risk.		

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Officer recommendation as a result of responses:	Feedback has not uncovered any further issues which would prevent the council from proceeding with this proposal. It's therefore recommended to implement this proposal with no changes.		

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