

Cumberland Council

Deep Dive review of Strategic Risk Register - 16 Children's Services Demand

25th March Audit Committee

Review of Cared for Children, Accommodation and Financial Contributions

Transformation Target	Efficiencies delivered to Date	Efficiencies Forecast to end of year 2024/25	2024/25 Budget	2024/25 Pressure		
2024/25 - £7m 2025/26 - £9.5m 2026/27 - £9.5m	£761k	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC		
Headline progress commentary	 Cared For Children Reviews Continue. Outcomes to be progressed, tracked and monitored. Review of Section 20 Cohort and New Entrants of Care Continues – to be Completed by 01/04/24 Engagement with Health Partners is ongoing in order to develop Memorandum of Understanding and New Ways of Working/Financial Contributions. Indication from Health Partners (ICB) to explore Joint Commissioning Arrangements. Permanence Strategy Approved and Implementation Work Ongoing Work ongoing to review current processes and practice including the establishment of a Homes for Children and Resource Panel 					
Actions for next period	 Cared for Children Reviews to continue – with the focus on our Internal (kinship) foster carers (60 total). All Initial 'Transformation' Cared for Children Reviews to be Completed by 01/04/24. Review of Section 20 Cohort and New Entrants of Care to be completed and outcomes to be analysed, progressed, tracked and monitored. Engagement with Health Partners to continue and process to be established and agreed to develop Memorandum of Understanding and New Ways of Working/Financial Contributions, including further discussions around Joint Commissioning Arrangements. Launch of Permanence Strategy and work to embed new processes and ways of working underway. Launch of Weekly Homes for Children and Resource Panel (Embedding Ongoing Review Process into Business as Usual Practice) Development of Sufficiency Strategy 					



Investment in Residential Accommodation

Transformation Target	Efficiencies delivered to Date	Efficiencies Forecast to end of year 2024/25	2024/25 Budget	2024/25 Pressure		
2024/25 - £0.5m 2025/26 - £2.8m 2026/27 - £3.3m	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC		
Headline progress commentary	 Project Request Form (PRF) Agreed at Strategic Programme Panel 28.02.24 to agree investment to develop options for 30 Overend Road Options Report in development regarding disaggregation of residential services options and approach. Project Request Form (PRF) outline agreed at Strategic Programme Panel 28.02.24 to secure investment to develop options for the Future Residential Approach for Cumberland Homes Vacancy Meeting established to ensure maximisation of current internal residential care beds/provision 					
Actions for next period	 Procurement to commence to bring in external consultant to assess options for 30 Overend Road Procurement to commence to bring in external consultant to support Future Residential Strategy/Approach Options Report to be finalised and discussed regarding disaggregation options and approach and clarity on approach to disaggregation moving forwards 					

