

Overview and Scrutiny: Priorities and Resources Review Panel: Feedback from Service Heads on questions raised from meetings on 15th January and 16th January 2013

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<p>Further details of the proposal to reduce the funding to Careers Southwest (what services will be cut? What will be the impact?)</p>	<p>We are currently in consultation with CSW regarding how the funding reduction will be achieved. The existing contract is intended to achieve the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young People are able to make informed choices about Education, Employment and Training (EET) opportunities; • Young People are supported to overcome barriers to participation in EET and to make smooth transitions; • Young People’s participation (RPA) in Education Employment and Training is raised • Young People’s are supported to remain engaged in sustainable post 16 education, employment and training, with a particular emphasis on engagement in learning <p>There are three priorities for the service:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statutory duty to complete 139a Learning Difficulty Assessments 2. Tracking young people’s destination into employment education and training 3. Targeting vulnerable groups <p>The 2012/13 contract value is £633,904 which is broadly distributed as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>• Completing statutory 139a assessments</td> <td align="right">£78K</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Year 9 annual reviews for transition planning with young people (SEN)</td> <td align="right">£22K</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Tracking destinations/September guarantee etc</td> <td align="right">£134K</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Targeted Youth Support</td> <td align="right">£336K</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Early Intervention Youth Support</td> <td align="right">£59K</td> </tr> </table> <p>We are in negotiations with CSW as to how the budget reductions will be met in accordance with the principal of minimising the impact on service delivery wherever possible. We fully intend to develop a fuller integration of CSW into the Children Services Integrated Youth Service ensuring that efficiencies are delivered and that more effective partnership working reduces duplication whilst still improving outcomes for young people. The solutions will include revising decision making pathways on who accesses what service at any given time, potential co-location of staff and services, reducing duplication and ensuring effective targeting of services. The next meeting with CSW is scheduled for the 18th January.</p>	• Completing statutory 139a assessments	£78K	• Year 9 annual reviews for transition planning with young people (SEN)	£22K	• Tracking destinations/September guarantee etc	£134K	• Targeted Youth Support	£336K	• Early Intervention Youth Support	£59K
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<p>SDC students travel Map showing the distribution by ward, of Breakdown on a ward level of attendees at South Devon College – further details of the impact on those attendees of the changes to transport funding</p> <p>History of the grant funding/S106 funding for transport to South Devon College</p>	<p>Map showing the distribution by ward, paper copies attached Currently 800 students travel to SDC under the joint travel scheme . Students pay £260 for a 3,4 or 5 pass(which pass they are giving is determined by how often they must attend college). Students on low incomes receive their passes free. The Joint funded scheme pays for the costs of the difference between the £260 student contribution and the actual costs of the 3,4 and 5 day passes.</p> <p>If the Council withdrew from the joint funded scheme then</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 800 students would have to pay for annual bus passes from Stagecoach. Cost would depend on how many days they had to travel into college . Low income students would be able to apply to the college to access support from the low income bursary funding. 2. SDC could pay the full cost (£122k) of the subsidy of the scheme for providing the subsidized pass costs for students if they wanted the flat charging rate of £260 per student to continue. 3. There is likely to be a reduction of students travelling to SDC although difficult to predict as those on the 3 day pass may not see a large increase in their costs, neither would those who qualify for support due to low income but other students may either attend a nearer post institution or possibly not attend any institution.
<p>Page 58 (Blue Papers)– Business Support How much does it cost to provide?</p>	<p>The budget in 12/13 for Business Support is approx £1.4m of which £100k is DSG funded.</p>
<p>Page 22 (Blue Papers)– Budget Digest Why do none of the figures on the budget digest page change over the future years? What are the external contracts? What are the associated budget reductions</p>	<p>The figures on the budget digest page do not change as this is a draft version and will change in the final version in March.</p>
<p>Housing Options What are the numbers affected by the new “under accommodated” rules that come into force on 01/04/2013 for working age claimants in the Social Rented Sector</p>	<p>Sanctuary currently have 3,015 accommodation lets, of which 2,148 are occupied by tenants on Housing Benefit.</p> <p>Of these 2,148 there are 389 who will be affected by the under accommodated rules; (289 will have their eligible rent reduced by 14%; and 100 reduced by 25%).</p> <p>There are a further 2,440 accommodation lets for other Social Landlords (Hanover, Magna, Sovereign, Spectrum, Tor Homes & DCH and Westcountry). Figures are not yet available as further checks are being completed converting all their addresses to our place references.</p>

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<p>Housing Options Delinquent Loans</p>	<p>The 2013/2014 budget for Torbay Pound delinquent loans written off has been reduced from £55,800 to £24,600.</p> <p>At the end of 2011/2012 the potential risk to the authority stood at £31,871.72, (this was known as 'Provision for Bad Debt') to cover future delinquent loan claims from Plough & Share Credit Union. The latest figures from Plough & Share are, as at the end of October 2012, when the total loan balances outstanding were £7,726.43. Therefore the remaining funds set aside to cover future delinquencies are adequate .</p> <p>However we need to consider that there are also still some loans on which the authority pays the interest due but for the two months to 31 October 2012 the interest amount was only £155.26, this will reduce in line with the loan balances outstanding but even if it were to remain constant the annual liability would only be in the region of £900.</p> <p>And when the 2013/2014 budgets were originally set, it was considered that any surplus in the budget for Torbay Pound would act as a contingency against Bond Scheme claims.</p>
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