Appendix 1 – Savings Proposals

Children, Young People & Education Committee

Children's Services in Wirral have made considerable improvements in recent years after being rated "inadequate" back in 2016. The improvements are in part because the authority made the decision to invest in the service and because of the hard work and dedication of those who work there.

A family's history should not and will not impact on the ambition of children in Wirral. We are focussed on breaking the cycle of poor outcomes and low ambition, raising the aspirations of every child in Wirral – regardless of where they live or their background. Our job is to encourage, and inspire, and we are relentless in pursuit of that goal. We will enable families to bring up children in safe, happy and secure environments.

OPTION	VALUE	NARRATIVE
Explore reduction in Youth Provision	£200,000	Activities for young people can help with educational outcomes and prevent child criminal exploitation, child sexual exploitation and anti-social behaviour. We are looking at exploring a reduction in Youth Provision, which would result in a potential saving of £200,000
Modernisation & Social Care combined: Staff Efficiency Savings	£102,000	Children's Services includes preventative and support services that are both statutory and non-statutory and which support each other and are closely integrated. Their work includes ensuring vulnerable children who are being harmed or abused are protected and kept safe and families get the help they need. We are looking at combining the Modernisation & Social Care offer, which would result in a potential saving of £102,000