

WIRRAL CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2013

WIRRAL COUNCIL BUDGET OPTIONS

1.0 Background

On the 16th of September 2013 Wirral Council published a series of Chief Executive Budget Options, proposals that have been drawn up to help the Council prioritise services within budget. For financial year 2014-15 the budget gap is £27.5 million. These options follow the publication in November 2012 of a previous consultation regarding council services and budget which was reviewed by the Children's Trust Board on the 27th of November 2012.

2.0 The Budget Options Papers

The Budget Options Papers put forward where savings might be found for consideration by staff, Councillors, partners, and the public. There are three papers:

- Families and Wellbeing
- Regeneration and Environment
- Transformation and Resources

The Families and Wellbeing Budget Options summary document is included for the Board as Appendix 1. In addition further detail regarding each of the individual options outlined in the summary papers has been published. Full detail of the proposals is available on the Council's website:

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/council-and-democracy/what-really-matters>

3.0 The Consultation

The consultation on the budget options opened on the 16th of September and closes on December 6th. The feedback will be collated in order to assist the Council to reach final decisions.

4.0 Recommendations:

4.1 That Wirral Children's Trust Board provides its views on the proposals published in the Budget Options Papers.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Budget Options: Summary Document for Families and Wellbeing