

**What
Really
Matters?**

Budget Option
**Working in
Partnership
with Schools**

Savings

2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	TOTAL
£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
915	300	0	1215

Option summary

This option would involve working with schools to share the costs and resources required to deliver a number of services supporting schools. These include school crossing patrols, school improvement, the education social welfare service and the early retirement costs associated with school staff. This option would seek to give schools more choice and control in the services they receive to meet the needs of their pupils.

Potential impact

The main part of this option in terms of finances is the School Crossing Patrol service, which currently costs the Council £415,000 per year. This option would involve the Council working with schools to identify where and if crossings were needed and also requiring the schools to fund crossing patrols where they believe they are required.

The second part of this option would involve continuing to work closely with schools on the allocation and use of the school improvement budget, which currently pays for a range of support to schools. The option would also see schools contribute financially to the education social welfare service. Finally, the option would see some costs associated with allowing some staff to take early retirement being paid for by the Schools Budget rather than the Council.

Reducing the impact

This option is about working in partnership with schools – who have finances held independently from the Council, to make sure the services they receive are the ones they need, and there is a negotiation about where the funding for some of those services is held. There should be no impact on services from this option, unless schools decide that they do not wish to fund a service which the Council currently provides free of charge.