

**What
Really
Matters?**

Budget Option

Commissioning and Contracting

Savings

2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	TOTAL
£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
1905	165	0	2070

Option summary

The Council has significantly strengthened its commissioning functions, which has enabled a strong focus on improving strategic commissioning, procurement and arrangements for ensuring contract compliance.

This option will ensure that every penny the Council spends delivers value for money and improved outcomes for people who use services.

This work is effectively underpinned by key strategic commissioning plans which cover: prevention and early intervention, carers, targeted support, learning disabilities and the Market Position Statement. There is now a developing and maturing relationship with providers from all sectors and a clearer focus in relation to commissioned services.

This proposal includes:

- A shared approach and understanding on how Council funding is commissioned within the community, voluntary and faith sectors.
- Improvements in the payment process to providers and the introduction of Electronic Care Monitoring.
- Efficiency derived through stronger strategic commissioning.
- Savings derived through effective control of contract inflation.
- Efficiency through review of high cost external contracts and improved outcomes through more effective arrangements in serving people with learning disabilities.
- Most savings within this option come from improving processes and procedures and do not have any impact on the service received by the public.

Potential impact

We will work with colleagues and partners in the community, voluntary and faith sectors to ensure any potential impact on them is mitigated. There will be potential impact on service users who may experience a change in service provider, as a result however, services should be more effectively aligned to assessed eligible needs.

Reducing the impact

The impact will be reduced through effective communication with providers and effective utilisation of the independent reviewing team where there is potential for significant shifts in care and support arrangements.

The recent development of the Market Position Statement and commissioning plans will provide the market with considerable intelligence regarding the Council's requirements.