

**Agenda Item No: 5 - Appendix B - NCT Savings Proposals 2022-25**

<b>Saving Proposal</b>	<b>Target 22/23 (£000s)</b>	<b>Target 23/24 (£000s)</b>	<b>Target 24/25 (£000s)</b>	<b>Narrative</b>
Staffing	330	660	660	A full-service review is underway around the support functions within the Trust in order to streamline operations within the Trust. Support services are disaggregated across the trust leading to duplication and inefficiency. There are a number of legacy systems and processes, which are being reviewed to ensure a safe transition to the implementation of the new ways of working. The delivery of savings is dependent upon the investment in IT infrastructure, including the implementation of a new social care case management system to maximise resources and deliver efficiencies. £1.2m linked to IT investment
Placements	1,250	1,250	2,000	The development of and improved capacity in specialist resilient foster carers for young people with higher complex needs. Saving derived from the movement of children from out of County/high-cost external placements into specialist foster carer provision, including IFA stepdown. Reducing the number of young people in care and therefore reducing the overall placement costs associated with their care. Reduction in care costs through the review of high-cost placements. Reducing the number of young people in care and therefore reducing the overall placement costs associated with their care. £850k linked to children's home bid.
Placements - Joint Funded	1,200	0	0	The increase in directly invoiced funding reflects the decisions of the Multi-Agency Placements panel. This year, charges for education and particularly health provision have been identified and re-charged with agreement of the panel. Therefore, the increase in funding can be expected. This will bring the contributions more into line with experience at other local authorities. The usual architecture of children's services would allocate the education costs to the high needs block of the DSG.
Transport	110	100	100	Reduction in the transport budget through the tighter management of the transport policy,

Optimisation				independent travel training. Reviewing current arrangements as part of a re-procurement exercise.
Commissioning - Review of contracts	0	400	350	The Commissioning Strategy and Framework is also intended to inform our Board, stakeholders, partners and our staff of the purpose of our commissioning; our expectations of commissioned services; how they align with and support our service delivery function; our approach to commissioning; what good commissioning looks like; what we intend to commission over the next four years and how we will know what difference we have made for children, young people and families in Northamptonshire as a result ensuring value for money in the use of resources.
Legal Services	100	100	100	A review of the current contract for the delivery of legal services and the processes around the commissioning of legal advice. Tighter gatekeeping of requests for legal advice, detailed review of use/ charging schedules. Potential to retender in the future, and explore alternative providers or a combination of providers for specific advice
Asset Management	0	200	200	Continuing to work in partnership with both councils in the development of their respective asset strategies. We are currently reviewing our accommodation needs as we imbed new ways of working in the post Covid environment. This will be supplemented by the request for investment of the IT infrastructure and the move to more mobile working.
Total	2,990	2,710	3,410	