

# Central Bedfordshire School Forum

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# Purpose of the Presentation

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- **Discuss the policy direction in brief**
- **To talk about the budget situation in Central Bedfordshire in the light of the Comprehensive Spending Review**
- **To take you through the published budget proposals/consultation**



# Policy Direction

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- **You are aware of our realignment towards**
  - Transforming learning and transforming our relationships with schools
  - Continued focus on child protection (safeguarding)
  - Child Poverty, Early Intervention and Prevention
- **The role of the Council will be increasingly “hands off” and will be a strategic role and a role of intervention of last resort**



# Successes, Opportunities and Challenges

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- **Successes – Education Vision, the beginning of the consensus on area reviews, transport policy, CYPP, Ivel Valley School, passed unannounced safeguarding inspection, set up Local Safeguarding Board etc.**
- **Opportunities and challenges – the new role for the Council with a reducing budget and reducing influence. We want this to be strong, yet we understand that increasingly our role will change.**

# National / Local Budget Situation

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- **Central Bedfordshire Council has already made savings**
  - £10m on starting up Central Bedfordshire
  - £12m last year of which £3m was Children's Services plus £4m Area Based Grants – Connexions etc., £580k Harnessing Technology Grant, reduced Asylum Grant and spending held against £1.4m worth of pressures
  - Proposals for on-going years – likely to be at least £3m each year in Children's Services for next 3 years



# Budget

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- Schools budgets – protected in “real terms” but the pupil and student premium will impact on us both positively and negatively
- School Forum working well – attempt to issue budgets early and work progressing well on technical issues
- In year 2010/11 £4m Area Based Grants – Connexions etc., £580k Harnessing Technology Grant, reduced Asylum Grant and spending held against £1.4m worth of pressures



# Efficiency Savings

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## Next financial year –

- **Directorate Restructure - £915k – 2011/12; £200k – 2012/2013**
- **Education Welfare Officers - £100k – 2011/12**
- **Removal of processes supporting regulatory activity - £100k – 2011/12**



# Efficiency Savings

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- **Strategic Commissioning of Social Care Placements and Interventions**

- **£230k – 2100/12; £500k – 2012/2013**

- **Workforce Strategy**

- **£100k – 2011/2012; £100k – 2012/2013**





# Service Reductions

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- **Special Educational Needs**
    - **£128k – 2011/2012; £272k – 2012/2013**
  - **Remodelling of service to young people, including Youth Service**
    - **£570k – 2011/2012; £1.328m – 2012/2013**
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# Service Reductions

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- **Parenting Support**

- **£100k – 2011/2012**

- **Music Service**

- **£272k – 2012/2013**



# Challenges for the Service

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- **New relationships and new roles**
- **Changing expectations**
- **Increasing “delegation” to schools – what happens if you are not in a Trust, Federation or Partnership or in receipt a significant amount of the Pupil Premium? You could reasonably claim “cost shunting”**
- **Impact of Academies**
- **Government intent to separate child protection from education issues**
- **Major opportunity in child poverty, early intervention and prevention**



# Questions and Comments

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