

Supplementary Estimates

for the year ending 31 March 2020

Date of Request: **16/08/2019**

Date of Mayor / Cabinet endorsement: **03/09/2019**

Executive Director: Jacqui Jensen

Cabinet Member: Cllr Helen Godwin

DECISION REQUIRED:

To agree a fund of £875k from reserves (last year's underspend) to support delivery of the One City Priority to tackle serious violence and knife crime by specifically aiming to reduce extra-familial exploitation and abuse of children and young people.

1. Justification

Children and Families Services are responding to escalating levels of serious youth violence and extra-familial risk, including gang affiliation, criminal exploitation and abuse. The development of the Safer Options multiagency team in East-Central Bristol has developed and is now delivering evidence-informed and intelligence-led targeted approaches to support prevention and recovery for children, young people and families. It has shown early success.

With a growing child population and improved intelligence and awareness of serious violence and complex safeguarding demands, we need to scale up our response to meet this growing need across the city. These funds, together with funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will enable the development of a full needs analysis and targeted service response across the city.

Comment on components of supplementary estimate requested		
Service	Supplementary Estimate Requested £'000	Comment
Children and Families	400	Targeted prevention and early Intervention (routes out of ganga work and Youth and Play) - Part of a coordinated prevention and early intervention approach, there is a growing body of evidence that children and young people need safe community spaces and targeted activities. This funding will support the work of Adventure Playgrounds and the development of a sustainable play offer aimed at preventing young people's involvement in SYV. It will also enable the scale up and continuation of specialist 1-1, mentoring and schools work focused on reducing knife crime and violence.
Children and Families	400	Specialist services - Family support and Children's Social Care Intervention Team, inc assertive outreach independent domestic violence advisor working with those at greatest risk in the city.
Children and Families	75	Specialist youth offending (remand) - Responding to increased pressure from court directed remand resulting from increased incidents of knife crime, serious youth violence and related offences
Total net supplementary estimate	875	

2. In-Year Controls

This request is in response to new and growing demands on children's services that result from increasing levels of serious youth violence and related exploitation in the city. Bristol appears to be following national trends however, it has taken the opportunity to learn from other cities and with these funds, can take action to meet need and deliver a range of preventative measures that should improve outcomes for children.

3. Impact Description

Costs	Funding Source
875k revenue	To be met through reserves (council underspend 2018/19)
Impact if not Approved	
Without investment in the above services, particularly prevention and early intervention, it is estimated that the growth in child population and serious youth violence will result in growing demand (and associated costs) for specialist services unchecked.	

4. Supplementary Estimate - Sign Off

The following people have signed off this Supplementary Estimate	Evidence of Sign-off (email/121)	Date
Executive Director - Jacqui Jensen		23/08/19
Section 151 Officer – Denise Murray		23/08/19