

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
12 November 2014**

Appendix A

Updated June Savings Proposals

Description of Saving	Directorate	Comments
Children and Families		
Children's Short Breaks administration	Community	Scrutiny Panel noted the proposal
Wolverhampton Youth Zone	Community	<p>Kasmire Hawker MYP expressed his disappointment at the further saving from the youth service. Kasmire wanted reassurance that the impact of the savings will be effectively monitored after they have been made.</p> <p>Cllr Gibson explained that this was a reduction in the Councils contribution to the Youth Zone and will not affect the project.</p>
Special Educational Needs Reform Grant Efficiencies	Community	Scrutiny Panel noted the proposal
Looked After Children	Community	Concerns were expressed at the continued overspend on LAC. Cllr Gibson explained that the number had stabilised at 800 and that she was confident the savings target could be achieved whilst ensuring the safety of children.
Commissioning – Bring forward 18/19 savings	Community	Scrutiny Panel noted the proposal

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Additional Savings - The Haven	Community	<p>The service is highly regarded and provides important support to vulnerable groups. The support given by the Council to help Haven secure alternative sources of funding was queried. Cllr Gibson explained that the Council is working closely with Haven to make the savings and how they can become self-sustaining. Cllr Gibson commented on the work being done to provide different types of support, for example, helping people to move through the system quickly.</p> <p>The panel expressed a concern that there is a risk that this savings cut will represent a false economy and other services may come under pressure as a result.</p>
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October Savings Proposals

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Children and Families		
Children, Young People and Families Voluntary Redundancies.	Community	<p>A comment was made about whether the Council has got the skills and experience to continue to deliver the service. There was concern that about the number of staff who could qualify for voluntary redundancy and the impact that this could have on the service. Cllr Gibson responded that she was confident that the service has the skills. Cllr Gibson commented on the changes in workforce as a result of the introduction of the new operating model that would support the delivery of the service in the future.</p>
Review Workforce Need and Capabilities within the Safeguarding and Quality Service	Community	No Comments