

Directorate:	Children's Services
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Lead Members Name	Key Area	Key Ara by sub Category	Capital Scheme	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	2023/24 £
UllaKarin Clark	Children Services and Schools	New facilities	Multifaceted Placement Hub (Semi independent Accomodation)	1,250,000	0	0
			TOTAL	1,250,000	0	0

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Details

Service Area	Children services	Budget Manager	Wes Hedger
Service Department	Social Care & Intervention	Lead Member	UllaKarin Clark Children's Services
		Rolling Programme	No
Project Title	Multifaceted Placement Hub		

Project Description
<p>Children's Services is looking to develop a multifaceted unit to support vulnerable children in Wokingham. This bespoke provision will create capacity in our existing infrastructure providing immediate, safe, and local provision to meet the needs of looked after children and care leavers.</p> <p>Local provision is likely to generate significant savings for the local authority, reducing the need for high cost (emergency) specialist placements to private care providers.</p> <p>This project will design and deliver placement capacity, incorporating enhanced fostering, respite, supported independent living and residential care. It is envisaged that unit will meet a multitude of needs across a broad age range including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children discharge from hospital (inc COVID-19) 2. Children subject to bail conditions, where they are unable to return home 3. Emergency/holding placements, providing a thinking and planning space around a home breakdown 4. Provider breakdown 5. Care Leaver evictions; 16-18 yrs <p>Children's Services is looking to create a placement hub that will provide support to carers and children, with the capacity for overnight support as required. Enabling the service to respond to an emergency, supporting stability and reducing the need for more permanent placements. It is envisaged that this project will create additional overnight accommodation (3 beds) with space for professionals to support vulnerable carers.</p>

Vision Priorities

Improve educational attainment and focus on every child achieving their potential	
<u>Economic prosperity</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	
<u>Community safety</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	
<u>Sustainable towns and parishes</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	
<u>Affordable housing</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	
<u>Tackling congestion</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	
<u>Impact of development</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	
<u>Clean green and enjoyable spaces</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	

<u>Promoting quality of life for vulnerable adults</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	

<u>Ensuring opportunity for all children</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	
<p>Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 places a general duty on local authorities to secure sufficient accommodation to meet the needs of their children in care and care leavers. The duty requires local authorities to take steps to secure, so far as 'reasonably possible', sufficient accommodation within their borough boundaries to meet the needs of their children in care whose circumstances are such that it is consistent with their welfare for them to be provided with accommodation locally.</p>	Yes

<u>Ensuring physical and mental wellbeing</u> Please complete the section below with how the project meets this priority (leave blank if not)	

Positive Implications

<u>Justification</u>	<p>Our draft Children's Services Placement Strategy sets out our ambition for achieving the best outcomes for children in having the right children in placements, at the right time, with the right quality and for most efficient costs. The strategy analyses the current strengths and issues regarding placements for children, based on knowledge and understanding through the current information about the needs of children, placements and likely demand in the future. It builds on the work already undertaken since the Sufficiency Strategy (2018-2021) outlining our intentions and actions required to ensure we achieve our ambitions for children and families of Wokingham for the immediate and longer term future.</p> <p>As per the national context, Wokingham has seen a rise in children looked after, an increase of 4% in March 2019 from 2018, and this figure had grown significantly in the previous year. As of 31st March 2019 there were 110 children looked after in Wokingham. Children in care become care leavers if they are looked after and then leave care between their 16th and 18th birthday. As at March 2019 there were 71 care leavers aged 18-25 and 1 child aged 16-18 defined as a care leaver. 32 % are living in independent accommodation, 18% are with parents or relatives, 17% are with former foster carers and 16% are in semi-independent accommodation.</p> <p>Increasing local care provision ensures our young people are able to maintain and retain local links including family relationships and social networks ensuring that the care leaver is able to access their social capital.</p> <p>It is envisaged that this project will reduce placement breakdown and the number of children entering care. The benefit of the project will be measured against a reduction in the children's social care placement budget.</p>
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Risk Information

<u>Please identify the risks associated with this bid not proceeding</u>	
The unit is a key element of our placement strategy and will enable the Council to manage expenditure against the placement budget.	

Additional Details

Project Managed By	WBC Service	Feasibility Completed	No
Site Identified	No	Site Available	No
Planning Agreed	No		

<u>Additional Information</u>	<p>The project details here are modelled on Olive House, a successful (Care Quality Commission "Good") care home in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (excluding the 3rd floor semi independent living area for care leavers in that scheme).</p>
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Links to other useful documents

link	Comments
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Rolling Programme	No
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Project Title	Multifaceted Placement Hub
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Budget Requested	1,250,000
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Budget Phasing											
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Multifaceted Placement Hub	1250000	0	0								1250000

RIBA Stage												
Stage	Year 1 2021/22	Year 2 2022/23	Year 3 2023/24	Year 4 2024/25	Year 5 2025/26	Year 6 2026/27	Year 7 2027/28	Year 8 2028/29	Year 9 2029/30	Year 10 2030/31	Total of scheme	% of Total Cost
RIBA stage 0											0	0.00%
RIBA stage 1											0	0.00%
RIBA stage 2											0	0.00%
RIBA stage 3											0	0.00%
RIBA stage 4	50000										50000	4.00%
RIBA stage 5	120000										120000	9.60%

Comments	Costs are based on 470 m2 GIFA and £3,000 / m2 total build costs
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Revenue Implications

Costs	8500000
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0	8500000	8500000	8500000	8500000	8500000	8500000	8500000	8500000	8500000	8500000	8500000

Details of Cost	It is important that we complete due diligence within year one of this project. The figures provided for both costs and savings reflect the original capital bid for a children's home in Wokingham. An initial review has identified the need for a more flexible approach that will create a reduction in demand against the placement budget (as part of agreed MTFP savings) and keep children local. Phase one of this project will provide clarity on the potential revenue costs and savings.
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Savings	12780000
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0	12780000	12780000	12780000	12780000	12780000	12780000	12780000	12780000	12780000	12780000	12780000

Details of Savings	Savings are a very early estimated and assumed within the MTFP as placements savings and based upon full occupancy. It is envisaged that this unit will meet a multitude of needs across a broad age range reducing the associated cost of placements, including; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children discharge from hospital (inc COVID-19) 2. Children subject to bail conditions, where they are unable to return home 3. Emergency/holding placements, providing a thinking and planning space around a home breakdown
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4. Provider breakdown

5. Care Leaver evictions; 16-18 yrs

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Funding Identified

Are there external funding streams identified to contribute towards or fully fund this bid? (if yes please add the details to the table below)

Funding Detail

Funding source	Amount (£'000)	Funding	Funding received	Comments

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