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To: The Children's Trust
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Dear colleagues

County Council's initial budget proposals for 2010/11

A report is being taken to the meeting of the County Council's Cabinet on 18 November 2009 concerning the Council's initial budget proposals for 2010/11. The content of this report is now in the public domain and I wanted, therefore, to ensure you are made aware at the earliest opportunity of the proposals as they impact on the children and young people's services department.

The background to the Cabinet report is that the County Council is faced with having to achieve budget savings of around £33.3 million in 2010/11 – and further savings in 2011/12 and 2012/13. These savings are required to cover demand led additional budget pressures falling on the County Council, particularly in children and young people's services and adult social care and health, reduced income assuming there is a council tax freeze in 2010/11, changes to pension regulations and the assumed loss of some government grants.

Attached are two appendices explaining what this all means for children and young people's services:

- **Appendix A** - a summary of our budget pressures which have informed both the budget growth and service reprioritisation proposals. In 2010/11 our additional budget requirements total £6.8 million.
- **Appendix B** – a summary of our proposed budget reductions for 2010/11, totalling £5.584 million (5.6% of our total budget, excluding the Schools Budget) which, if agreed by Cabinet, will form the basis of a subsequent consultation exercise.

Additionally, the children and young people's services department will be expected to contribute proportionately to other "cross cutting" savings in respect of the withdrawal of the essential car user allowance lump sum payments for staff, limiting the mileage rate payable to staff for work related travel and the removal of additional leave arrangements for some staff.

Other efficiency savings are under consideration as part of the Council's recently launched Change Programme and firm proposals will be included in the final budget report to the Council in February 2010.

Next steps

Subject to Cabinet approval, the budget proposals set out in the Cabinet report will be issued for formal consultation, with a consultation deadline of 22 January 2010. Following this, a final decision on the budget proposals will be made by the County Council at its budget meeting on 25 February 2010.

I hope this is helpful in terms of explaining the current proposals.

Yours sincerely



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