



## **Children's Services: Housing Options**

### **Current Service**

The Housing Options Service provides prevention advice and homeless applications. In addition the Council has to provide emergency and temporary accommodation and access to support and supported accommodation to the meet different needs.

The service is both a statutory and early intervention prevention service:

- It provides confidential and independent housing advice
- It prevents people from becoming homeless
- It provides a statutory homelessness service
- It is an important partner to a range of services and agencies

### **The Proposal**

The proposal has three separate components:

- To delete a vacant housing officer post,
- To delete a Service Project Development Officer role through potential redundancy,
- To reduce the supplies and services budget which provides a contingency budget for historic delinquent loans.

Staff have been briefed on the proposals at both management and team meetings.

The savings proposals have been spread across the service budget to minimise the impact to the front line statutory service capacity (to fulfil the requirements for homeless legislation and prevention work) and limit the number of individual staff currently employed that will be affected.

### **Supporting Officer Contact Details:**

Nigel Denning  
Head of Family Services  
[nigel.denning@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.denning@torbay.gov.uk)  
01803 206270