

DRAFT - Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Proposal:	Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)
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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>The Council has a statutory obligation to provide information, advice and guidance (IAG) and transitional support to vulnerable learners who may be at risk of falling out of provision alongside having arrangements in place to track young people who may become 'Not in Education Employment or Training' (NEET). The financial pressures faced by the Council and Children's Services are such that funding will require to reduce from 2017/18 onwards.</p> <p>The information, advice and guidance service is currently provided on behalf of Torbay Council by Careers South West as part of a Peninsula Contract.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>Consultation has commenced with Careers South West on reducing expenditure within the current contractual agreement which is due to run until 2018 and is a Peninsula Contract. No agreement on the precise pace and depth of savings has yet been agreed but the process will be completed in line with 2017/18 budget setting.</p> <p>A separate payment is made for the information system and this will be unaffected.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>There is an important residual statutory obligation for IAG and transitional support that limits the potential for a zero based approach. Moreover, the local authority jointly owns the company and is a party to the Peninsula agreement and therefore has a proportionate responsibility for any liabilities from its dissolution.</p>
4.	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay</p> <p>Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use reducing resources to best effect

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated and joined up approach <p>Targeted actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting all children and giving them the best start in life • Promoting healthy lifestyles across Torbay
5.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>The proposal will have an impact on the Peninsula wide agreement but this will be limited to a managed and agreed reduction in our funding contribution within the existing contractual framework. Following implementation of any change, there is likely to be a corresponding impact on the scope of the service in supporting vulnerable learners although we will seek to mitigate this through discussion with the provider.</p>
6.	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>There will be a discussion with Careers South West about their ability to deliver an effective service on a gradually reducing budget commencing 2017/18.</p> <p>The proposed reduction will also be shared with our Peninsula co-commissioners.</p> <p>This proposal will also be consulted upon as part of the general budget consultation – online and paper questionnaires will be made available.</p>
<p>Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment (These sections will be updated and expanded following the consultation period.)</p>	
7.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> financial and legal implications?</p> <p>The current Peninsula wide contract is due to run until 2018 and therefore any reductions for 2017/18 will be undertaken within the context of the existing contractual framework.</p>
8.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> risks?</p> <p>Detailed dialogue will take place with Careers South West during October with a view to agreeing a revised level of Council funding for 2017/18. There is a risk that Careers South West are unable or unwilling to progress the inductions at a scale or pace envisaged within the Council's financial strategy.</p> <p>Any significant deterioration of NEET rates will be questioned by the DfE who produce national league tables for this return.</p>