

## BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

<b>Budget Cut Assessment Form</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S LEGAL FEES</b>	Ref No Hu4	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
<b>Description of Proposal:</b>							
Reduction in legal fees required for external professional advice regarding Child Protection cases. The reduction has arisen from lower demand from Courts for professional advice, reduced volume and use of in house expertise.							
There is a risk that should the volume of care proceedings increase the associated legal costs will increase.							
Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts		Decommissioning Costs		Cost Shunting	
No. of posts to be deleted	N/A	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues		In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs		Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets	
No. of potential redundancies	N/A						
Estimated Redundancy costs	£0						

	Financial Summary				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Redundancy Costs					
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads	980	966	953	946	946
NET Budget Reduction	30,980	30,966	30,953	30,946	30,946

### Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the proposal's relevance to Darlington Borough Council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Councillors should note that an initial equalities impact assessment screening was conducted and determined that this proposal has no or negligible impacts on protected characteristics and therefore a full EIA was not undertaken.