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| **Continuing Non-Statutory Service (Proposed Base Budget Reduction Targets) – Template 3****BOP 048** |
| Service namePREVENTION AND EARLY HELP FUND | Service Description – please see over |
|  | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** |
|  | **£m** | **£m** | **£m** |
| Forecast before savings | 14.821 | 15.035 | 16.117 |
| Budgeted savings (cumulative) | -2.937 | -2.937 | -7.715 |
| Planned net expenditure (Approved **2015 net budget**) | 11.884 | 12.098 | 8.402 |
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| August 15 monitoring position |  |  |  |
| Demand variations (cumulative)  | 0.000 | -0.412 | 0.144 |
| Price variations (cumulative) | 0.000 | 0.037 | -0.268 |
| Undeliverable savings (cumulative) |  |  |  |
| Loss of grant (cumulative) |  |  |  |
| **Revised Resource Requirement** | **11.884** | **11.723** | **8.278** |
| Additional savings target for approval (cumulative) | 0.000 | -8.723 | -5.278 |
| **Revised proposed budget** | **11.884** | **3.000** | **3.000** |
| Proposed risk reserve provision (discrete year) | 0.000 | 10.150 | 0.000 |
| Policy Decisions needed to deliver the budgeted savings | Approval to:* Create a new service: The Prevention and Early Help Fund, with an annual revenue budget of £3m from 1st April 2016. This would be a flexible "safety net" fund to provide one-off support to individuals and families at times of crisis.
* Cease the Care and Urgent Needs service from 1st April 2016
* Cease the non-statutory element of the Supporting People service from 1st April 2016
* Cease a number of public health grants from 1st April 2016
* Use £10.15m reserves in 16/17 to fund the 12 month 'transition period' to enable appropriate cessation of Supporting People contracts/arrangements
* Apply waivers, as appropriate, to Supporting People contracts during the transition period
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| Impact upon service  | * Potential risk of ceasing services that vulnerable citizens of Lancashire currently rely on
* Potential risk of the new Prevention and Early Help Fund not being sufficient to meet the needs of Lancashire's most vulnerable citizens
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| Actions needed to deliver the target savings | * Undertake appropriate consultations/inform service users and providers of proposed changes
* Review all current contracts and ensure contracts are not renewed/appropriate notice given
* Develop new structure bring together staff from Supporting People and Care and Urgent Needs services.
* Consult staff on the proposal / structures by 31st December 2015 for implementation as soon as practicable in 2016.
* Statutory consultation process with Trades Unions with respect to potential for redundancies, January 2016.
* Develop methodology for distribution of Prevention and Early Help Fund by 31st March 2016
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| Equality Analysis | [Click here to view document](http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD1450&ID=1450&RPID=7644747&sch=doc&cat=13868&path=13868) |

**What does this service deliver?**

The new Prevention and Early Help Fund consolidates a number of services to provide a single fund for the support of Lancashire's most vulnerable residents.

The Prevention and Early Help Fund is intended to provide help for those most in need and will be aimed at supporting both individuals and families identified as in need of support.

A methodology for distributing the fund and criteria for accessing and promoting the fund will be developed to ensure it is consistently and fairly administered.

The fund will link closely with Adult and Children's Social Care, The Well-being Prevention and Early Help Service and The Integrated Well- Being Services.