LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	**Children & Young People Sub-Committee**
DATE	**17 January 2023**
REPORT TITLE:	**Budget Scrutiny Challenge**
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LEAD MEMBER:	**Councillor Maria Gatland** **Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**
ORIGIN OF ITEM:	This item was included on the Children & Young People Sub-Committee Scrutiny Sub-Committee Work Programme for 2022/23.
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	The Children & Young People Sub-Committee is asked to review the information provided on the identified budget proposals and reach a conclusion on the following:- 1. Are the savings deliverable, sustainable and not an unacceptable risk? 2. Is the impact on service users and the wider community understood? 3. Have all reasonable alternative options been explored and do no better options exist?
PUBLIC/EXEMPT:	Public

1 BUDGET SCRUTINY CHALLENGE

1.1 The Children & Young People Sub-Committee Scrutiny Sub-Committee has asked to review 2023/24 budget proposals for three high-risk areas that fall under the Children and Young People directorate.

1.2 The Sub-Committee has identified the following three areas that are covered in the main report:

- The review of care packages for children with disabilities aged 0-17
- The impact of the reduction in spend on the adolescent service
- Impact of the review of the Front Door and practices

1.3 Scrutiny Chairs have agreed that budget scrutiny will look to satisfy the three following questions:

- Are the savings deliverable, sustainable and not an unacceptable risk?
- Is the impact on service users and the wider community understood?
- Have all reasonable alternative options been explored and do no better options exist?

2   APPENDICES

2.1   Appendix 1: Scrutiny Budget Challenge Presentation

3   BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

3.1   None