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**External foster care options appraisal**

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Service Area

**Social Services**

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Estimated Savings

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### Summary

The Council currently has 32 children placed in foster care provided by agencies, as opposed to foster carers employed by the Council.

By increasing the number of foster carers employed by the Council we can reduce our reliance on more costly external foster carers supplied by agencies.

This business case seeks to develop a suitable method and approach for successful campaigns; and in so doing, respond to and account for what research indicates about successful recruitment campaigns

Over a period of 3-5 years, we would aim to incrementally reduce the number of external agency foster carers supplied through agency contract until all placements can be supported by Council employed foster carers.

### Impact

For each child placed with an foster carer employed by the Council opposed to agency provision, there is a saving potential of £25,000 per annum.