

Summary of Potential Cost Implications for Care Matters

	Area	Cost Implication	Amount p/a (£)	Timescale
1	Local authority not to place children out of their local area unless in the child's best interests	Increased development of local placements via increased recruitment activity for foster carers	20,000	2008 -11
2	Extend provision of independent visitors to all children in care	Additional costs for increased pool of independent visitors and co-ordination of service.	10,000	2008 -11
3	Designated teacher for children in care	Provision of training for designated teachers	2,000	2008-09
4	Support of a personal advisor up to age 25 for all care leavers in education or wishing to return to education	Additional staff resource for provision of advisor support	30,000	2008 –11
5	National bursary for all young people who go on to higher education	£2,000 each minimum for children in care	4,000	2008 –11
6	Extend the independent review mechanism to include foster carers	Additional review panel costs for appeals by foster carers facing non approval	4,000	2008 –11
7	Children in Care Council	4 meetings per year held at children's centre or youth centre	500	2008 –11
8	Disseminate Corporate Parenting training materials	Training programme for Officers, Members and Partners.	4,000	2008-09
9	Family Group Conference approach	Facilitation costs	10,000	2008 –11
10	Disseminate training resources based on findings of research projects	Acquisition/production of resources and provision of training	4,000	2008 -11

11	Foster carer training, support and development standards to be assessed by Ofsted	Additional training and support for foster carers Implementation of CWDC Induction Standards – April 2008 for new carers and April 2011 for existing carers	6,000	2008 -11
12	Support care and short term breaks for disabled children	Provision of breaks or respite care Some funding available within existing budget and Pathfinder budget may supplement		2008 –11
13	Residence order allowances	Raising the age at which this ends from 16 to 18 Additional 2 years costs for new arrangements	10,000	2009-11
14	Commissioning	New statutory duty to secure a sufficient and diverse provision of quality placements within the area. Proposal to develop Regional Commissioning Units	10,000	2008 -11
15	Children in care not to move schools in years 10 & 11 except in exceptional circumstances	If placement changes additional transport costs may be incurred and placement fee could be increased to allow carers to transport children to existing school.	10,000	2008 -11
16	Virtual school head	Pilots being established to determine cost effectiveness of new post	57,500	2010-11
17	Personalised learning Increased access to one to one tutoring	£500/year for each child in care at risk of not reaching expected standards of attainment May be funded by the personal education allowance	25,000	2008 –11 2008 -11
18	Extended activities	2 free hours of extended activities a week in term time and 2 weeks a year of part time provision. Further detail awaited.		2010-11
19	Leisure time	Free access to positive activities and leisure facilities for children in care Cost could be picked up by Council under corporate	–	2008 -11

		parenting duties		
20	Music tuition	Children in care will not be charged for music tuition in schools	5,000	2009-11
21	Extended foster care to age 21	Additional 3 years of foster carer allowances for some young people	63,000	2009-11
22	Disabled children to have entitlement to IRO trained in communication and necessary skills or for IRO to seek specialist with necessary skills	Further training and resources for IRO to effectively communicate with disabled children.	1,000	2008-09
23	Local authorities to consider what employment opportunities with training they and their partners can offer young people	Success often depends on high level of support. Additional resource required		2008 -11