**Decision-making – funding for long-term placement and variation from usual allowances for children and young people in care up to 18**

| **Family name** |  | | |
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| **Forename/s** |  | | |
| **Other names used** |  | | |
| **Date of birth** |  | **PIN** |  |
| **Legal status** |  | | |
| **Sex** |  | | |
| **Ethnicity** |  | | |
| **Nationality** |  | | |
| **Type of placement** |  | | |

| **Address** |  |
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| **Length of time at placement** |  |
| **Local authority area** |  |

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| **Reason for Proposal – summary by social worker** |
| To include:   * Reason for request * Impact of agreement/non-agreement * Commissioning/contractual issues – if relevant * Legal factors * Relevant LAC review recommendation including impact on child * Financial information – current, proposed annual and projected cost or savings to length or agreement or 18 (inc. ref., where relevant, to financial checks, access to benefits etc.) This is usually shown in a table with cumulative costs to 18 of the different options. * Draft terms of agreement between DCC and carers – N.b. The Children’s services contracts team can provide advice |
| **Team manager/Head of Service recommendation** |
| Name Signature date |
| **HoS/ HoS Cic /AD decision** |
| Name Signature Date |
| Service Director decision ( if necessary) |
| Name Signature Date |
| Executive Director decision ( if necessary) |

Nb need to ensure that the cumulative total is considered when determining authorisation level with reference to latest Derbyshire County Council’s Financial Regulations. 2019 Authorisation levels as below:

**CHILDREN IN CARE PROVISION (INCLUDING SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS AND CHILD ARRANGEMENT ORDERS)**

| **Post** | **Approval Authority £** | | | | |
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|  | Agency Residential placements | Placement with Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) | Placement with DCC Foster Carer/Contract Carer | Adoption/ Special Guardianship/ Child Arrangement Orders | Care Leavers – Leaving Care Payment |
| Strategic Director | Unlimited | | Payment arrangements above current scheme allowances | | |
| Service Director – Early Help & Safeguarding | Unlimited (in absence of Strategic Director only) | £2,500 per week (£130,000 per year) | Payment arrangements above current scheme allowances | | |
| SMT Member/ Assistant Director – Early Help & Safeguarding |  | £2,500 per week (£130,000 per year) | Payment arrangements above current scheme allowances | | |
| Head of Service, Children in Care |  | £1,200 per week (£60,000 per year) | Payment arrangements above current scheme allowances | | Payment arrangements current mainstream scheme allowances |
| Grade 14 or equivalent and above |  | £1,200 per week (£60,000 per year) | Payment arrangements current mainstream scheme allowances | | |
| Grade 12 or equivalent and above |  |  | Payment arrangements current mainstream scheme allowances | | |