



Budget Amendment Form

Amendment Name:	In-house Educational Psychologist and Speech and Language Therapist	Amendment Number:	7
Directorate:	Children, Young People & Education		
Proposer:	Mr Richard Streatfeild, MBE	Seconder:	Mr Antony Hook
Proposed Purpose: This amendment provides funding for the recruitment of an additional in-house Educational Psychologists and/or Speech and Language Therapists, strengthening the Council's capacity to deliver timely assessments, support statutory responsibilities and improve the continuity and quality of specialist support for children and young people in Kent.			
Proposed Amount	Proposed Funding Source:		
£180k	Remove the Political Assistant posts - £140k Reduce the funding allocation to Member Allowances by £40k (deliverable via reduction in appointment to Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member posts) – note any finalisation of the budget allocation for Allowances to be dependent on future MRP informed Full Council decisions regarding the overall Member Allowance Scheme for 2026-2030.		