Sample Prioritization Tool

VALUE TO SOCIETY		
1.	Strategic fit • Alignment with the Council Plan and political and corporate priorities	• Activities and spend will be prioritized if they lead to improvements in the wellbeing and safeguarding of the people of Northamptonshire • Directly supports achievement of Council outcomes, as set out in the council Plan (and/or its subsidiary strategies and plans), or, if indirectly, it is clear how outcomes are or will be supported • Supports delivery of partnership strategies and plans, e.g. Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Sustainability and Transformation Plan, etc. • Alignment with Council ways of working, e.g. Next Gen, "right-sourcing" • How might this improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area?
2.	Statutory duties e.g. in Social Values Act, Care Act, etc.	• Directly meets statutory duties • Indirectly meets statutory duties

3.	Need	• What is the need?
		  ○ Number of people affected?
		  ○ Communities affected?
		  ○ Is a vulnerable group or population affected?
		• Is this a statutory obligation?
		• Will this affect primarily children, adults or both?

4.	Population & individual impact	• Impact on the target population • Impact on other populations not being targeted • Proportionality: balance between meeting the needs of individuals or groups and those of the wider community • Does this benefit the whole population and not just those whose services are funded by NCC?
5.	Inequities	Are these reduced or widened? (E.g. from EqIA and other data; differential impact on life chances, poverty, education, etc.)

6.	Next Generation working and consumer expectations	• Meeting consumer expectations for 21st century services? • Driven by, or in line with, Next Generation working?
EFFECTIVENESS		
7.	Effectiveness	• Is there high quality evidence that this works to deliver the desired outcomes? • For innovations or interventions where there is a paucity of evidence, is there a clear evaluation plan in place? Is there an opportunity to brake if it does not work? • Does this address underlying causes, or intervene once needs have arisen?
8.	Benefit to residents & service users	• Benefit is clear in terms of council outcomes including independence, wellbeing and safeguarding, educational attainment, sustainability, etc. • Benefits to service users, e.g. easier access, improved quality of service, better outcomes, better experience, increased independence, improved quality of life, preventing further disease, disability or disadvantage • Benefits to the community, e.g. reduced disparities, increased wellbeing, improved community cohesion, etc. • Encourages and supports individuals and communities to exercise autonomy and responsibility, with Council support only when needed
COSTS		
9.	Value for money	• Is there evidence of cost effectiveness or return on investment/social return on investment?
10.	Affordability – total budgetary impact	• Is this manageable within the existing net budget? If not, how are resources to be released for this? • Does it release resources for alternative uses? • Are any savings to be made – in the short term, medium term or long term?-
11.	No cost shifting	• Would it result in a cost pressure elsewhere within the council/within the system, e.g. with partners, unless the overall system benefits.
IS THIS THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THE OUTCOME?		
12.	Alternative services	• Can this need be met elsewhere? • Can this need be met in another way? • Is there scope for innovation?

RISK (identified and managed in line with Council's existing risk management framework)		
13.	What is the risk to the council, or others, of either doing or not doing something?	• Financial? • Failure to meet statutory duties? • Harm to individuals or communities? • Reputational?
WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS		
14.	The right capacity and capability to deliver what's required	• Can this be delivered with existing capacity? • Are there resource pressures from additional training requirements? • Possible to attract/retain staff to deliver this – directly employed or via commissioned services, e.g. terms and conditions?