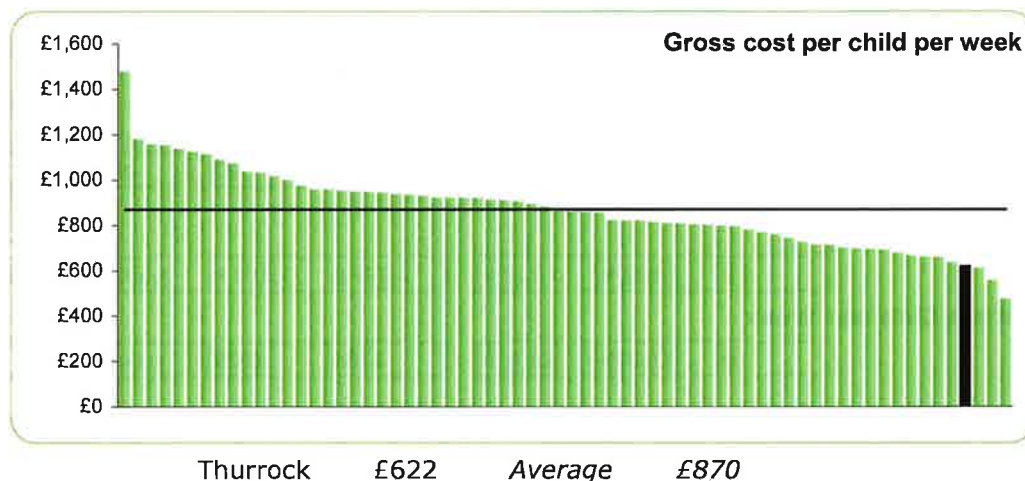


## Section 2a: Summary of 2010/11 Estimates

### The Gross Cost of 'Children Looked After' per Child per Week



This report uses the cost per child per week (of children in residential and foster care) as the basis of benchmarking the cost of 'Children Looked After'. [This used to be collected as BVPI 51 and PAF B8].

This is dependent on two factors:

- 1) The Individual Unit Costs for each type of care (Homes and Fostering, provided by the authority and by others). These are examined in sections 2b to 2d, based on data collected in the benchmarking exercise.
- 2) The Composition of Children Looked After (i.e. how many are in each type of care). This can have a significant impact as fostering is much cheaper than placing children in homes.

**Page 8** gives the summary data collected from the questionnaire to help members keep track of their data in the reports. A comparison against population is also shown.

**Page 9** displays the four Unit Costs and the respective compositions of children being looked after.

**Page 10** analyses the effect of the differences in the make up of composition and unit costs.