

Specific Savings Proposals

Savings Proposal	Description	Total Estimated Saving £000
Residential and Nursing Care Package Commissioning	We will move away from spot purchasing of care packages and move towards a framework and/or outcomes based approach to commissioning, potentially in partnership with neighbouring Council(s), to secure improved value for money.	(679)
Review of Internal Adult Social Care provision, including Telecare	In light of declining use of internal provision ranging from 10% to 35%, we will undertake a review of these services to establish if they remain essential day to day services that we should deliver ourselves, especially as there is a well established care market place, and to also ensure that we are securing value for money. If others can deliver better value for money we will contract out the service(s).	(2,671)
Therapeutic Support contract	The commissioned service is no longer required to achieve the original outcomes, these can be achieved through support for children, young people and families from internal edge of care services. It should be noted that this saves a further £200,000 against the Public Health Grant.	(164)
Reduction in the financial contributions to the youth zone in the City	The limited financial resources that we have must be aligned to our revised priorities and all services must contribute towards addressing the financial challenge. It should be noted that this saves a further £50,000 against the Supporting Families Grant, leaving a contribution of £50,000 to youth provision in the City.	(98)
Rationalisation of Leisure Centres	Leisure centres (especially swimming pools) are some of our most expensive buildings to run and maintain. Through use, they are also subject to accelerated ageing which increases year on year. We will review the current provision, in particular reviewing buildings no longer fit for purpose. Full details will be brought forward before any decisions are made.	(640)
Reduction in Ward Funds	Ward funds will be more closely aligned to 'Love Your Community', Resident Services and in particular 'Our City, Our Plan', through the implementation of some revised criteria for spend. In addition, the amount available to each Councillor will be reduced from £3,000 to £1,500 per year.	(100)
Wholesale Market <i>(includes budgets</i>	There is no statutory requirement to provide a wholesale Market and the existing arrangements currently cost the Council £272,000 per year to operate.	(272)

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<i>held in City Assets)</i>	This cost would increase significantly should further investment be made into the site as previously envisaged. The proposal is not to invest the originally proposed £6 million in the redevelopment of the Wholesale Market and use the site to complete the movement of services from Cullwell St Depot (providing a capital receipt and freeing that site for major housing development) and rationalising the Council's estate – using the site for statutory services and saving money/delivering Capital and revenue savings elsewhere. Any savings arising from reduced borrowing costs and / or capital receipts and / or further rationalisation of the estate, will be captured when the final plans are agreed.	
Post 16 SEN transport – charging policy	This is the application of charging for post 16 travel as set out in the All-Age Travel Assistance Policy. This policy was introduced in 2020, following the comprehensive Delivering Independent Travel Review. However, the post 16 charges were not implemented due to the Covid Pandemic and then the cost of living crisis. Therefore, a consultation exercise will be undertaken ahead of potential implementation in September 2025.	(200)
Closure of Shopmobility	This is not particularly well used with only on average 13 regular customers a week and it fails to cover the costs of operation. Equipment is old and in need of replacement, there are currently 28 motorised wheelchairs that cost circa £8,000 each. Closure of the unit frees up commercial space in the Market area which could be leased out to additional traders. for other uses – which could generate around £10,000 per annum.	(29)
Temporary Accommodation	<p>The financial pressure associated with temporary accommodation is demand led and is a national challenge.</p> <p>In accordance with our key priorities and the premise that we will focus on delivering our revised priorities and providing value for money in everything that we do. We will review our current commissioning arrangements to deliver best value for money and to attract the maximum levels of Government Grant – The actual</p>	(300)

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	savings will be realised against Housing Benefits within the Finance Directorate.	
Wolverhampton Homes	The management agreement between Wolverhampton Homes and the Council expires in 2028 and in light of the new social housing regulations there is a need to assess the efficiency and value for money offered by the Arms Length Management Organisation.	(250)
Events Strategy	There is a proposal for a significant reduction in the Council's subsidy for the community events programme, allied to a significant increase in income. Full details will be brought forward before any decisions are made.	(149)
Review of Skills, Employment and Business Offer	We will undertake a review of these services to establish if they remain our essential day to day services, in line with the regional review of economic development, and to ensure that we are securing value for money.	(376)
Review of our Assets – closure of public conveniences	As part of the asset rationalisation, look at options for removal or reprovision by others for the One Stop public convenience on Victoria Street. There are alternative provisions across the City Centre which have been mapped, including those which are fully accessible. Full details will be brought back before any decisions are made.	(70)
Review of Our Assets	Rationalisation of the Council's asset portfolio to maximise utilisation, review of facilities management practices to identify inefficiencies and opportunities for optimisation, delivering efficiencies in the running of our buildings, mitigating against future maintenance liabilities, generating income from surplus space, generating capital receipts and creating regeneration opportunities. Full details will be brought forward before any decisions are made.	(3,603)
Governance-ensuring that service is benchmarked against other authorities	A revised approach to the governance offer to ensure we have a consistent approach with other authorities.	(80)

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Long Service Awards	A revised approach to the awards event will take place in the future with the £150 City Centre Vouchers ceasing.	(6)
Yoo Recruit Dividend	This is the estimated value of the dividend income from Yoo Recruit in 2025-2026.	(700)*

*one off saving