

Savings Proposal

Cabinet Member	Councillor Andrew Johnson	Type:	Income Generation				
Assistant Director	Mark Taylor						
Savings Owner	Sue Martin						
Proposal: Council Tax Reduction Scheme		2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	Total
Details of proposal:							
Further amend local council tax reduction scheme so that support is limited to a reduced percentage of the net liability							-
Reduction in Revenue Expenditure (Show as Positive)							-
Additional Income (Show as Positive)			800				800
Net Saving		-	800	-	-	-	800
Invest-to-save Funds Required							
Revenue (Negative)							-
Capital (Negative)							-
Total Invest-to-save Funds Required		-	-	-	-	-	-
Reduction in Staffing - Headcount							-
Reduction in Staffing - FTE							-
Staffing remaining - post savings FTE		N/A					
Current Revenue Budget for Service Area (£000)		N/A					
Revenue Budget for Service Area - post savings (£000)		N/A					
Communications Strategy Implications							
There is a specific requirement to consult on and changes to the scheme - precedent from last two changes is full consultation across all households in the City							
Corporate Landlord Implications							
None identified							
Customer Implications							
Proposal will result in all households currently eligible for Council Tax Reduction (CTR) receiving less support. Higher level of customer contact already evident from first year scheme, demand may reduce as people become used to paying something or may increase as scheme becomes less generous.							
Economic Implications							
The proposal is likely to affect the local economy as it will reduce household income for those families receiving CTR. Research suggests that families on lower incomes are more likely to spend locally.							
Environmental Implications							
None identified							
Equality Implications							
A stage one equality analysis screen has been completed. A full equalities analysis is required and will commence shortly.							
Financial Implications							
The financial implications in terms of savings are detailed in the proposal above. The estimate of income generation is calculated after allowing for reduced collection rate and preceptors share. The Council's ability to collect is likely to get harder as the scheme becomes less generous and in combination with the impact of other reductions in benefit.							
Health Implications							
There is a link between finance and health - People living with long term ill-health or disability are more likely to be living in poverty, a key factor in poorer health outcomes.							
Legal Implications							
To implement changes to the scheme for 2015/16 any revisions must be formally adopted by Council by 31 January 2015.							
Policy Implications							
Potential impacts in relation to corporate plan / anti-poverty initiatives & strategies							
Procurement Implications							
None identified							
Staffing Implications							
None identified							