

Savings Proposal

Cabinet Member	Councillor Andrew Johnson	Type:	Service Cut					
Assistant Director	Anthony Ivko							
Savings Owner	Anthony Ivko							
Proposal: Implement new scheme with revised criteria to replace the Local Discretionary Grant Scheme (LDGS)		2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	Total	
Details of proposal - To prepare for the ending of the £1.6 million Department for Work and Pensions Local Welfare Assistance grant funding for the LDGS by implementing a new scheme with revised criteria incorporating support in areas such as preventing homelessness, protecting children in need, responsible lending and Food Banks.		Reduction in Revenue Expenditure (Show as Positive)					-	
		Additional Income (Show as Positive)	1,000	(1,000)				-
		Net Saving	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-
		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								
Current Revenue Budget for Service Area (£000)		1,611						
Revenue Budget for Service Area - post savings (£000)		587 (Including grant reduction in 2014/15)						
Communications Strategy Implications								
Plans are in hand to provide information for those residents affected and for stakeholders.								
Corporate Landlord Implications								
There are no corporate landlord implications.								
Customer Implications								
Significant change and reduction in access to essential provision in a crisis or for help with essential provisions to remain in the community.								
Economic Implications								
A reduction in the provision of grants will reduce people's spending power and therefore may have an adverse affect on the local economy, it may also have a longer term impact on those people furthest from the job market having more issues difficulty in getting the basic resources they need to help them become economically active.								
Environmental Implications								
There are no environmental implications.								
Equality Implications								
An equality screening/Initial analysis has been completed and a potential adverse impact upon people across all protected characteristics was identified. The new scheme and revised criteria have been designed with the intention of minimising this impact. A full Equality Analysis has been completed.								
Financial Implications								
The financial implications are set out above.								
Health Implications								
The absence of being able to access a local welfare provision for essential items has potential adverse impact on people's health .								
Legal Implications								
The funding agreement for the joint citizens advice bureau/welfare rights service welfare reform help line and service being resourced from the local welfare assistance award (2013/14) ends on 25 March 2014. There are no legal commitments for beyond the end of the financial year.								
Policy Implications								
By changing the provision of support to people in crisis, this proposal will impact on the Corporate Plan theme of Empowering People and Communities and the Council's Anti-Poverty Strategy.								
Procurement Implications								
There are no procurement implications.								
Staffing Implications								
Impact on agency staff contracts, which will be ended in line with agency agreements.								