

MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN
SAVING PROPOSAL ASSESSMENT

DIRECTORATE: CORPORATE SERVICES
SERVICE AREA: VARIOUS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

SAVING PROPOSAL TITLE: – Budget Realignments

BUDGET AREA: See table below

TOTAL BUDGET FOR THIS AREA: See table below

% OF TOTAL BUDGET IN SAVINGS PROPOSAL: See table below

TOTAL SAVING: £2,753,225

Please provide a brief description of how the saving will be achieved:

Ref	Budget Area	Proposed Saving	Total 2022/23 Budget (£)	Proposed Saving (£)	Proposed Saving (%)
CS3	Director	Budget realignment on various budgets.	16,013	10,000	62.44
CS7	Financial Services	Budget realignment on various budgets held by Head of Service.	17,260	5,000	28.97
MF1	Miscellaneous Finance	Budget realignment for External Audit fees.	456,191	30,000	6.58
MF3	Miscellaneous Finance	Uncommitted Free School Meals Grant transferred into the Financial Settlement in previous years. This is for one year only and will be reviewed for 2024/25.	322,250	322,250	100.00
MF4	Miscellaneous Finance	Additional investment income due to increases in the Bank of England Base Rate. This is for 2023/24 only at this stage due to the volatility of the Base Rate and will be reviewed for 2024/25.	1,443,333	1,889,136	+130.89

Ref	Budget Area	Proposed Saving	Total 2022/23 Budget (£)	Proposed Saving (£)	Proposed Saving (%)
MF5	Miscellaneous Finance	Removal of Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme budget which has ended with no replacement scheme being implemented.	246,839	246,839	100.00
MF6	Miscellaneous Finance	Budget realignment on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) budget.	16,041,850	250,000	1.56

2. PUBLIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE PUBLIC:

Consider the 5 ways of working, in particular, *long-term* implications for future generations and *preventative services*. Recognising that savings now may be needed to secure future provision, or may secure provision in another area.

Long-term guidance: Consider the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to meet long-term needs.

The proposed savings relate to budget realignments to reflect actual expenditure commitments against budgets and additional income. There is therefore no impact on the public.

Prevention guidance: Consider whether the proposed saving is affecting a preventative area that reduces future burdens and supports well-being.
N/A

DOES THE PROPOSAL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT MORE GREATLY ON PEOPLE WITH PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS? (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation)

* Yes ☐ No ☒

DOES THE PROPOSAL IMPACT ON PEOPLE WHO FACE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE? (low income/income poverty, low wealth/or no wealth, material deprivation, area deprivation, socio-economic background, cumulative impact – information on [Policy Portal](#))

* Yes ☐ No ☒

DOES THE PROPOSAL HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE WELSH LANGUAGE? (opportunities to use the language, promote the language and/or treating the Welsh language less favourably than the English language)

* Yes ☐ No ☒

NB * If **YES** to any of the above, please complete an [Integrated Impact Assessment](#) (IIA). For further advice and guidance please see the [Policy Portal](#). A Saving Proposal Template or an IIA, if relevant, must be submitted to be included as hyperlinks to all decision reports related to the proposed savings. IIAs are not required for nil impact proposals.

PLEASE DETAIL ANY CONSULTATION THAT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL. Summarise any feedback received.

Consider the 5 ways of working, in particular, *involvement*.

Involvement: Consider whether you have involved people who have an interest in the service area, including service users and potential service users.

The savings proposals were part of the main budget consultation for 2023/24. Respondents generally agreed with the proposed savings, there was some difference with respect to MF8 and MF5 with some respondents disagreeing with the proposals, however the majority of responses agreed that they should be considered.

IS FURTHER CONSULTATION REQUIRED BEFORE THIS PROPOSAL CAN BE IMPLEMENTED?

Yes ☐ No ☒

NB* Please seek guidance from Corporate Policy, who can advise on whether a formal consultation is required and adherence to the Gunning Principles.

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE PUBLIC IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL (please tick):

Nil ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐ Critical ☐

3. ORGANISATION IMPACT ANALYSIS

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE ORGANISATION:

There will be no impact as the proposed savings are budget realignments.

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT UPON MEMBERS OF STAFF:

There will be no impact as the proposed savings are budget realignments.

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED: Nil

NUMBER OF POSTS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED SAVING: No direct impact on posts.

PLEASE SPECIFY HOW THIS WILL BE MANAGED:

HOW MANY POST(S)(please state)

- ALREADY VACANT:
- VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE:
- RETIREMENT:
- REDEPLOYMENT:
- REDUNDANCY:

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHEN THIS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

The proposed savings will be implemented from April 2023.

WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER DIRECTORATE, SERVICE AREA OR TEAM WITHIN THE COUNCIL? (please tick)

Yes ☐ No ☒

WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNER, OR VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNER? (please tick)

Yes ☐ No ☒

If **yes**, please consider the 5 ways of working, in particular *integration*.

DESCRIBE:

- THE AREA(S) AFFECTED; AND
- HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT

Integration guidance: Consider how the proposal will impact on other service areas, or partners, and their ability to meet their objectives.

No direct impacts.

HAVE ANY OPTIONS BEEN CONSIDERED TO MITIGATE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT?

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF ANY MITIGATION (e.g. gradual reduction in service, income generation, transferrable skills of staff, commercialisation of the service etc.)

In addition, consider the 5 ways of working, in particular, acting in *collaboration* with other service areas or partners.

N/A

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL (please tick):

Nil ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐ Critical ☐

4. LINKS TO POLICY AND CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

DOES THE SAVINGS PROPOSAL LINK TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

If so, please specify and state what the implication may be.

POLICY AREA:

CORPORATE PLAN and WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES (please state which objectives)

WHAT IS THE LINK?

No direct links.

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?

N/A

POLICY AREA:

STATUTORY DUTIES (including the requirement to provide services in Welsh)

WHAT IS THE LINK?

No direct links.

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?

N/A

POLICY AREA:

WELSH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE or STRATEGY

WHAT IS THE LINK?

No direct links.

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?

N/A

5. OTHER RISK(S) AND SENSITIVITIES

HAVE ANY OTHER RISKS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SAVING PROPOSAL?

Yes ☐ No ☒

IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW:

PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW ANY OTHER MITIGATION:

Not all risks can be mitigated. Some may need to be tolerated in the context of budget pressures.

N/A

6. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

PLEASE USE THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL HAS NOT BEEN CAPTURED.

N/A

HEAD OF SERVICE: Stephen Harris

DATE OF COMPLETION: 14.2.23