

Schedule of savings proposals and recommendations

As part of the budget consultation, the Council's select committees reviewed each of the savings proposals put forward by Cabinet.

Following a presentation by the relevant Cabinet Member and a question and answer session with the relevant senior officer, scrutiny Members decided whether they were satisfied with the proposal or whether they wished to make recommendations back to Cabinet. Their recommendations and comments, a list of which is scheduled here, are now to be used by Cabinet Members in reaching a decision.

It should be noted that:

- proposals which the select committees made no material recommendations, comments or requests to have been omitted from this schedule
- the full list of savings proposals can be found at Appendix B
- during the select committee process, some proposals were withdrawn by the relevant Cabinet Member following the comments of scrutiny Members and other public comments. These proposals are also listed in this schedule, but are marked * WITHDRAWN *

Saving reference	Saving title	Select Committee Recommendations / Comments / Requests to Cabinet
Public Accounts and Audit Select Committee (2 Nov 2011)		
CEX/SAV/01	Chief Executive's organisational review	<p>That more contingency planning is done in case, in the future, it transpires there is not enough senior management capacity. A process should be laid out in case of this.</p> <p>That five of the eight red Corporate Risks relate to areas managed by the posts these proposals aim to delete. There could therefore be too much of a negative effect if these cuts go ahead as proposed.</p>
CEX/SAV/04	Merging Payroll and HR Support	That PAASC be provided with a monitoring report every six months which assesses Elevate's performance.
CEX/SAV/05	Reduction in spending on strategic HR	<p>That officers re-write the proposal to provide greater clarity regarding the number of posts involved.</p> <p>That regard is given to the negative impact this saving could have on equalities and diversity.</p>

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* AMENDED * FIN&RES/SAV/01	Transfer of Assets and Commercial Services Division to Elevate	That more detail be added to the savings proposal in all sections of the form. That the proposal be subject to a report back on the potential for Housing Services to undertake work relating to estates management
* WITHDRAWN * FIN&RES/SAV/03	Introduction of charges for the use of Credit Cards in payment for services provided by the Council	That the saving would have an unacceptably disproportionate impact on no/low income residents. That the saving would have a detrimental impact on the Council's reputation.
FIN&RES/SAV/05	Remove provision in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for inflation	That PAASC receives regular reports which monitors this situation/impact locally and assesses the wider national inflation issues.
* WITHDRAWN (subject to approval) * FIN&RES/SAV/06	Service reduction in One Stop Shops and Contact Centre	That the reduction to opening hours/days does not go ahead due to the adverse impact it would have on the service. The Cabinet Member for Customer Services withdrew the proposal following the committee's comments.
Living and Working Select Committee (8 Nov 2011)		
* WITHDRAWN (subject to approval) * *CUS/SAV/01	Strategic Commissioning	That strategic commissioning in this area is scrutinised at an appropriate time before implementation. That benchmarking information from strategic commissioning in other authorities is shared with members.
* DEFERRED * CUS/SAV/02	Restructuring arising from the move to localities management	That localities management returns to the committee for further scrutiny in order to influence and shape its development before implementation.
CUS/SAV/03	Revision to Domestic Refuse Collection and Recycling Services	That a comprehensive communications plan be implemented to educate residents about the changes to recycling.
CUS/SAV/09	Introduce new system of permits for controlled parking zones	That owners of commercial vehicles are required to pay a higher price for their permit than regular car owners in order to minimise the impact on families.
Safer and Stronger Community Select Committee (9 Nov 2011)		
ACS/SAV/11	Termination of grant funding to Broadway Theatre	That options on how the Council can retain the performance arts at the venue should be considered.

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ACS/SAV/15	Changes to the public events programme	That Cabinet re-examine the sponsorship opportunities for the town show and also explore options for the town show to be run by charities.
* AMENDED * CUS/SAV/11	The creation of naturalised areas of grassland	That Cabinet carry out a consultation with the residents before making a decision on the saving proposal.
Children's Services Select Committee (22 Nov 2011)		
* WITHDRAWN (subject to approval) * CHS/SAV/15	Social Work Restructure	The Cabinet Member for Children withdrew the proposal
CHS/SAV/16	Adult College contributions	That further consultation be carried out with the College before proposing the saving for 2013/14
* WITHDRAWN (subject to approval) * FIN&RES/SAV/17 Phase II	Removal of Free School Uniform Awards scheme	The Cabinet Member for Children withdrew the proposal
Public Account and Audit Select Committee (28 Nov 2011)		
ACS/SAV/22	Libraries Review	That the library strategy be scrutinised and plans for consultation with residents shared with the committee.
CHS/SAV/10B	Reduction in value of Connexions Careers Advice Contract	That Cabinet reflects on the adverse impact the saving would have on young people.
CHS/SAV/22	Reduction to Youth Commissioning Fund	That Members are provided with a report that outlines how the remaining £200k of the commissioning fund will be spent on services for young people.
FIN&RES/SAV/14	Reduction to staffing in Job Shop and business support	That there is a campaign in the News explaining the job brokerage options available to residents as well as the functions of the Job Shop, Business Centre and Enterprise centre.