

Planning Savings Proposals & Efficiency Savings for 2007-08 & Beyond

Summary	2007/08 £	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	FYE £
Level 1	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000
Level 2	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000
Level 3	0	0	0	0
	102,000	102,000	102,000	102,000

Cost Centre	Account Code	2007/08 £	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	FYE £	Lead Member Views	Comments / Risks
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Detail: Level 1

Savings arising from new system			12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000		Efficiency Savings
Development Control - Overtime	P118	CC03	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		Efficiency Savings
Consultants	P118	GH11	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000		Efficiency Savings
Advertising (not staff)	P118	HF02	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000		Efficiency Savings - There is no legal requirement to advertise all planning applications in the local press. The proposal is to signpost to applications on the web site and to continue with the site notices. The statement of community involvement will need to be amended to reflect this - Lachlan is currently investigating whether this would be possible as the scheme has already been submitted to GOSW.
Land Charges - Overtime	M449	CC03	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500		Efficiency Savings
Franking	M449	GJ01	500	500	500	500		Efficiency Savings
Building Control - Joint Commissioning								
Sub Total - Level 1			76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000		

Detail: Level 2

Public inquiry expenses	P118	GH35	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		There is £108k available within the public inquiry/appeals budget. To achieve an on-going revenue saving of £10k, and to to make better use of this resource, it is proposed to create a new appeals officer post at Grade 10. A recent review of the DC service has highlighted that there is insufficient capacity within the DC team to undertake this work if Government performance targets are to be met.
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	Cost Centre	Account Code	2007/08 £	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	FYE £	Lead Member Views	Comments / Risks
Planning enforcement salaries - FALSE ECONOMY?	P117	CC01	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000		Consultation is currently underway to remove the principle planning enforcement post from the establishment. The proposal is to create a new senior planner post - G10 and a new monitoring/conditions post at G5. This would achieve on-going revenue savings of £16k pa and deliver a long standing objective to take a more pro-active role in monitoring conditions.
Sub Total - Level 2			26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000		

Detail: Level 3

Sub Total - Level 3			0	0	0	0		
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Grand Total - Levels 1-3			102,000	102,000	102,000	102,000		
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- Level 1 Easily achievable or already agreed
- Level 2 Decision needed by members but unlikely to be sensitive or will not have a major impact on the community
- Level 3 Decision needed by members but likely to be sensitive or will have a major impact on the community

Other possible options:

- War Widows - £600k
- Expand urban design service currently being provided to KDC to include conservation area statements & appraisals - £100k
- Festival - £7k
- Increase charges for preparing S106 agreements