

Savings Agreed in 2015/16 Budget Process

Ref No	Unit /Service	Description:	Item	2016/17 (£'000)	2017/18 (£'000)	2018/19 (£'000)
ASC001	Residential & Nursing	Usual rates	Negotiations with Residential and Nursing care providers to ensure value for money. Savings of £410k included in 2015/16	420	0	0
ASC002	Residential & Nursing	Reduce residential care to necessary minimum and increase extra care/supported living housing	Transform the accommodation based care market in line with the Council's Market Position Statement. Reducing to a minimum the focus on residential and nursing care and developing Extra Care Sheltered/Supported Living Accommodation to give the vast majority of people who need accommodation based care greater independence and improved quality of life. Savings of £370k included in 2015/16	4,110	1,400	1,400
ASC007	Direct Services	Outsourcing of direct services	The proposal is to close Kingsbury Resource Day Centre, subject to full consultation, and re-provide the service for individuals in the independent sector. Options appraisals for the building will take place as part of the consultation process to identify the best use for them going forward. This could include: sale, re-use for supported living, or community hubs. In addition, subject to full consultation, we will change Tudor Gardens Residential home to Supported Living accommodation in line with the Market Position Statement. Savings of £432k included in 2015/16.	323	0	0
ASC009	Home Care	Increase Direct Payments	Doubling the number of Direct Payments over the two years from 384 currently and significantly increasing the employment of Personal Assistants (PA) with a Direct Payment. A PA is usually a home carer directly employed by the service user. It means the service user can ensure their carer is the right person for them and that they get the same person for every call. Savings of £120k included in 2015/16.	187	0	0
ASC016	Mental Health	Transformation of mental health social care operating model	Phase 2 of the Mental Health redesign project will re-design the workforce and the operating model for mental health social care and will present options for saving £750k as part of this process. Savings of £500k included in 2015/16.	250	0	0
CYP001	Early Help & Education	Children's Centres review	Implement a partnership model for the Children's Centres by tendering the management and day to day delivery in centres to an external provider. Savings of £237k included in 2015/16.	263	0	0
CYP002	Early Help & Education	Early Years	Review future resource requirements in general workforce budgets. Savings of £20k included in 2015/16.	35	0	0

CYP003	Early Help & Education	Youth Services	Reduce management and infrastructure costs in 2015/16, and establish a new delivery model by 2016. Savings of £100k included in 2015/16.	900	0	0
CYP010	Children's Social Care	Children's Placements	Changing the placement mix between residential placements, Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA) and Brent Foster Carers. Saving to be achieved by moving 9 of the lowest need Looked After Children in residential placements to high end IFA placements, followed by a similar move of low end IFA placements to Brent Foster Carers. Savings of £300k included in 2015/16.	700	0	0
CYP020	Children's Social Care	Staffing redesign in Children's Social Care	Reduction in managerial posts as part of revised managerial and supervisory structures resulting from the redesign of Children's Social Care over the next 18 months as part of the DfE Innovations Project. Savings of £171k included in 2015/16.	170	0	0
R&G001	Regeneration & Growth	Updated TA forecast based on 13/14 performance	The £1.0m figure is under review in the light of ongoing trends in homeless presentation and acceptances. Savings of £1.3m included in 2015/16.	500	500	0
R&G008	Regeneration & Growth	Property Strategy & Projects	Reduction in revenue budget to support capital projects – the main implication will be a reduction in the capacity of the Council to bring forward capital projects, resulting in either fewer projects or slower delivery times. Alternative models of project delivery will also be explored. Savings of £200k included in 2015/16.	100	0	0
R&G011	Regeneration & Growth	Investment Team	Use the CIL administration charge to fully fund the development fund and information manager. Savings of £61k included in 2015/16.	20	20	0
R&G012	Regeneration & Growth	Planning & Building Control	Increase income through generating more trading business. Prioritise resources on non-ringfenced income generation work – particularly targeting and securing work through cross-boundary working via partnership schemes. Savings of £50k included in 2015/16.	50	25	0
R&G014	Regeneration & Growth	Private Housing	Increased cost recovery following on from introduction of additional and selective licencing. Licensing income is subject to a statutory ring fence however there are some activities already carried out within Private Sector Housing which can legitimately be funded from income, thereby releasing General Fund. Savings of £50k included in 2015/16.	50	0	0
R&G017	Regeneration & Growth	Facilities Management & Civic Centre	To be read in conjunction with R&G26. This proposal assumes further letting of space in the Civic Centre to a third party with a resulting service charge for the cost of FM. The saving assumes a further floor of the Civic Centre can be made available and let by 2016.	124	124	0

R&G018	Regeneration & Growth	Housing Needs	Shared service arrangements for housing register and allocated scheme - £100k to £200k. Initial work being undertaken with neighbouring borough where the use of common approaches and systems has been identified. This may offer potential for shared service savings and the spreading of back office/overhead costs. Initial arrangements to be in place during 15/16 (part-year saving). Savings of £20k included in 2015/16.	140	40	0
R&G020	Regeneration & Growth	Capital Portfolio Office	Removal of service manager post and closure of capital portfolio office. The capital portfolio office provides programme management office services to the proportion of the capital portfolio that is consolidated within Regeneration & Growth – namely schools, estate regeneration and the provision of new Council buildings. The proposal is to cease this service in 2016/17, when the Verto project management software is fully embedded. An alternative proposition would be to transfer responsibility for this service to another part of the Council, most obviously the One Council PMO. This is currently being reviewed as part of the wider review of Capital Projects. Savings of £77k included in 2015/16.	70	0	0
R&G021	Regeneration & Growth	Supporting People	Revised arrangements for the START plus service as a consequence of the Supporting People Fundamental Review. Savings of £50k included in 2015/16.	150	0	0
R&G022	Regeneration & Growth	Private Housing	A notional saving from Private Housing Services as a consequence of the proposed wider regulatory services review. One option to be explored is a shared service with one or more neighbouring borough.	100	0	0
R&G025a	Regeneration & Growth	Income Generation through gaining "Approved Inspection" status	Enabling Brent to undertake Building Regulation work throughout England. Explore the potential for increasing the level of income generated by Building Control through gaining "Approved Inspector" status. This would enable Brent to undertake Building Regulation work throughout England without need to obtain the host local authority's agreement to work within their area. This ability will allow Brent to market the services in the same way as the private sector company and compete with Private Sector AI's. In taking forward this model we will review our charges to reflect market rates but ensure they remain competitive and need to develop mechanisms whereby inspection of works can be effectively resourced / undertaken.	65	35	0
R&G025b	Regeneration & Growth	Increase of income through charging	Increase of income through charging or expanding current charges for some services e.g. pre-application advise for domestic applications. Explore the possibility of introducing a premier service subject to legal constraints and resourcing. Savings of £10k included in 2015/16.	100	0	0

R&G025f	Regeneration & Growth	Letting Agency	BHP will be establishing a lettings agency in 2014. The business plan projects completed additional surpluses of £350k per annum being generated from year five (2018/19). The saving represents increased income from the provision property and tenancy management services to private sector properties.	0	175	175
R&G025g	Regeneration & Growth	Increased Income and Efficiencies from Disabled Facilities Work	Efficiencies in relation to the administration and supervision of Disabled Facilities Grant in areas such as services to self funders / partnership working better integration with BHP.	20	40	0
R&G026	Regeneration & Growth	Income from the Civic Centre	Proposals will be developed for increased income from the Civic Centre. The additional income assumed from 16/17 onwards assumes that an additional floor being made available and a tenant found to occupy the space on a commercial basis from 2016. To be read in conjunction with R&G17 which represents the service charge that could be achieved and the FM costs that could then be offset.	150	150	0
R&G027	Regeneration & Growth	Fundamental Review of Supporting People	Supporting People resources are used to sustain housing tenancies for the most vulnerable residents in the Borough through the provision of 'floating support services' and specialist hostel accommodation. A fundamental review of the effectiveness of these preventative services is underway and services will be reconfigured in the light of this review to deliver the saving.	1,200	0	0
R&G027a	Regeneration & Growth	Supporting People	This would significantly reduce support to the most vulnerable people in Brent to retain their tenancies. It is likely to result in increased homelessness with consequential costs arriving elsewhere in the housing budget.	1,000	0	0
R&G029	Regeneration & Growth	Regeneration Investment Service	Significant reduction in scale of the dedicated regeneration capacity of the Council. To be read in conjunction with R&G10. The key implication would be the shift to a model based on project specific assignments.	200	100	0
R&G035	Regeneration & Growth	Housing Needs Service Redesign and Efficiencies	Reduce the number of Housing Options Officer posts by 4, over a two year period from 2016/17. Current approaches can be streamlined and operational efficiencies gained.	100	100	0
R&G036	Regeneration & Growth	Reduction of Welfare Reform Mitigation Team	It is forecast that the bulk of the households impacted by Overall Benefit Cap will have had their housing issues resolved by April 2015, and that the remaining workload and new cases will be dealt with by the established Housing Needs Teams.	100	0	0
ENS022	Regeneration and Growth	Regulatory Services	Fundamental review of regulatory services including planning and building control, looking at all options including shared services with other local authorities. Savings of £50k included in 2015/16.	100	0	0

ENS004	Community Services	Environment Policy and Projects Team	Close Welsh Harp Education Centre. The proposal would cease the provision of education for schoolchildren at this centre. Savings of £13k included in 2015/16.	14	0	0
ENS008	Community Services	BTS - One Council Project - updated as per new proposals - one council programme – changed in light of recent report to CMT	This reflects savings associated with a review of Brent Transport Service. Savings of £583k included in 2015/16.	100	0	0
ENS010	Community Services	Community Safety and Emergency Planning	To consider a new approach to managing Anti-Social Behaviour services across the borough, including consideration of a joint arrangement between the Community Safety Team and the BHP Community Safety Team.	100	0	0
ENS011	Community Services	Civil Contingency Post	To reduce the Emergency Planning Team by one post leaving only two posts. This is likely to require a shared service arrangement with another borough in order to maintain 24/7 cover. Savings of £25k included in 2015/16.	27	0	0
ENS012	Community Services	Charging for garden waste	Introduction a charge for garden waste via a subscription service at £40 per year per household. This was agreed by Cabinet in July 2014. Savings of £140k included in 2015/16.	238	0	0
ENS015	Community Services	Parking Service	Cost reduction and income generation opportunities. Consider CEO deployment, unattended enforcement, visitor parking charges and a number of other initiatives. Savings of £2,160k included in 2015/16.	921	134	0
ENS016	Community Services	Street Lighting	Replace existing street lighting with LED lighting to new British Standards and , optionally, a Central Managed System - This would require investment of around £7m.	0	750	0
ENS018	Community Services	Libraries, Art and Heritage	Transfer management of libraries to an established library trust resulting in business rates savings.	160	0	0
ENS020	Community Services	Libraries, Art and Heritage – grants	Gradually taper down Tricycle Theatre grant to zero by 2017/18. This would result in no outreach work to young people and schools. The arts service of two people is required to operate cultural facilities at Willesden Green Cultural Centre. This work to cease in 2017/18. Savings of £50k included in 2015/16.	75	205	0
ENS023	Community Services	Registration and Nationality	Extend current joint service with Barnet to at least one other council. Savings of £50k included in 2015/16.	50	0	0

ACE002	Strategic Commissioning	Review of grant funding to London Councils	The Council cannot withdraw from, or unilaterally reduce its funding to, the Grants Programme. On the contrary, s.48(7) Local Government Act 1985 provides that a grants scheme such as this one, once agreed by the majority of the London borough councils, may be binding upon a dissenting London Borough council in the absence of its agreement. We have explored the legislative scope for this. Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1985, which established the London Councils grant scheme, stipulates that councils can only vary their contribution to the grant scheme with the agreement of at least two thirds of London Boroughs. The time available to implement any agreed change would significantly limit the level of savings achieved in 2015/2016. The Council could start conversations now with leaders of other councils with a view to introducing a reduction in funding to London Councils at the end of this cycle of projects i.e. April 2017.	0	340	0
ACE004	Strategic Commissioning	Review of Grants and contracts to voluntary and community sector	<p>This proposal sets out to do two things:</p> <p>1. Streamline and refocus the funding available through the Themed Grants stream. Options are provided for the level of cut which might be applied.</p> <p>2. Carry out a review on the current corporate spend on advice and guidance and look for opportunities to eradicate duplication, harmonise funds and deliver savings.</p> <p>The Partnership & Engagement Unit currently distributes c£2.1million (includes the funding to London Councils set out in ACE2 proforma) to the voluntary and community sector through grants and contracts. This funding is distributed through a variety of streams which run to different timescales.</p>	410	0	0
F&IT005	Finance	Finance	Substantial cost reductions achieved by focusing on core tasks and by adopting a far more risk based approach	1,500	0	0
F&IT006	Strategic Commissioning	IT	Substantial cost reductions through a mixture of sharing services and reducing the application and other IT footprint within Brent to a core offering, with increased standardisation for users to lower costs. Savings of £1.7m to be achieved by a mixture of reducing staff numbers, stopping out-of-hours support, renegotiating contracts, reducing the IT application footprint to a core offering, with increased standardisation for users to lower costs.	1,620	0	0

HR001	Human Resources	Reconfiguration of function	It is proposed to carry out a major reconfiguration of the HR service in 2015/16 saving £1.4m by 2016/17. This will result in the merging of some areas in order to reduce the number of managers required in the new structure. It is the intention to devolve responsibility for some existing activities undertaken by the Learning and Development team to HR Managers. Other activities will be accommodated by a new performance team with a broader remit which will include resourcing, workforce development, policy and projects. In addition it is proposed to cap the existing trade union facilities time allocation awarded to GMB and Unison to a maximum of 1 x PO1 post per trade union, to move the occupational health service inhouse saving £60k and reduce the learning and development budget by £67k. In year 2016/17 further reductions in staffing can be potentially achieved through shared service arrangements within payroll, pensions, HR management information and recruitment. Savings of £696k included in 2015/16.	743	0	0
HR002	Human Resources	BIBS	This will have a significant impact on staffing as the budget is predominantly made up of staffing costs. It remains the intention to consider alternative models of delivery which will transform the service; ensure greater efficiency and improve the customer experience but in the short term an immediate reduction in posts will enable BIBS to generate savings of £700k in 2015/16. This will be achieved through reviewing the Executive Assistant arrangements in light of the senior manager restructuring; ceasing the provision of some administration activities such as AskHR & AskBIBS; and carrying out a cross service reduction in headcount. This is part will be assisted by reductions in service provision across the council's departments. Savings of £700k included in 2015/16.	1,180	0	0
L&P001 & 002	Legal	Legal Services	Different options of service delivery – outsourcing – private legal firm / buying from local authority that sells legal services and also London Wide work of setting up a shared service. Proposal to enter a shared service for legal. Savings of £400k have been brought forward from future years to 2016/17. Savings of £458k included in 2015/16.	900	0	0
L&P003 & 004	Members	Mayor Support / Service Committee	Review of support to elected Members, including reconfiguration of the democratic function. Savings of £140k included in 2015/16.	427	0	0
PRO001	Strategic Commissioning	Procurement -Reduced Service	Staff Reductions	270	0	0

R&G005	Community Services	Capita Savings	The Capita contract for Revenues & Benefits provides for 3% savings to be delivered year on year. The proposal here represents the full outcome of the renegotiation of the Capita contract price undertaken as part of the decision to extend the current contract for a further 3 years from 1st May 2016 to 30th April 2019. Savings of £321k included in 2015/16.	105	207	0
PH002	Strategic Commissioning	Public Health	Contribution to Childrens Centre Service. Savings of £375k included in 2015/16.	375	0	0
PH003	Strategic Commissioning	Public Health	Agreed that efficiencies would be made within public health once the grant ceased to be ring fenced and further opportunities sought to use grant to deliver across Council functions	1000	0	0
R&G032	Community Services	Customer Access Service	Implementation of new customer access strategy with a specific aim to reduce the current costs of contact handling by migrating customer contact on line, improve the efficiencies of telephone handling arrangements and optimising use of shared data to reduce the need for customers to have to contact multiple services with the same information. There is a £1.5m of savings which will be achieved across the Council and held as a central saving in 2016/17.	1,500	0	0
Total				23,412	4,345	1,575