

Appendix A

 Brent	Cabinet 11 December 2017
	Report from the Chief Finance Officer
Budget Strategy and Financing update	

Savings proposals previously approved by Council as part of previous budget reports

When Council agrees savings the financial impact of these is not always neatly confined to a single financial year. The appendix therefore shows the further financial impact in 2018/19 of previously agreed proposals. This impact was disclosed at the time of the relevant previous budget report.

The text of individual proposals has not been amended from that previously agreed. In some cases this leads to minor apparent inconsistencies, as the text refers to the total financial impact (e.g. over 2017/18 and 2018/19). It was considered better to accept this position than to amend text previously agreed by Council.

Ref No	Unit /Service	Description:	Item	2018/19 (£'000)
Savings agreed in Feb 15 and Feb 16				
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	1,400
R&G025f	Regeneration & Growth	Letting Agency	Establishing a lettings agency which will generate increased income from the provision of property and tenancy management services to private sector properties.	175
Driving Organisational Efficiency				
DOE001	Support Planning, Reablement & Mental Health	Increase Direct Payments	This will mean that people pay for their home care/community support through independent Personal Assistants or direct purchasing of support from providers. A market for Independent Personal Assistants will continue to be developed in the local area to maximise the benefit.	50
DOE002a	Early Help	Transformation of the design and delivery of early help	Effective and co-ordinated early intervention will build resilience and independence which will in turn move cases out of high risk and high cost services. As far as possible there will be a one worker to one family approach. Savings will be achieved through three main workstreams: 1. More effective co-ordination and signposting and to early intervention services delivered by partners including schools and the voluntary sector; 2. Improved use of research to ensure a greater strategic focus on high impact interventions and more effective assessment of individual need. Savings will be achieved by reducing delivery of low impact or repeat interventions; 3. Planned structural change across CYP. In the first instance this will enable the delivery of a more coherent offer which is expected to reduce demand for high cost services. Any reduction in demand will then enable a further reduction in headcount.	550

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DOE002b	Children's Social Care	Signs of Safety and Social worker recruitment	Increased efficiencies of £200k driven by the Signs of Safety programme and a linked, but separate, reduction in the reliance on agency staff across the division. There are approximately 70 agency social workers, deputy and team managers in children's social care currently. Over the two year period the plan is to reduced this by 40, this would realise a saving of approximately £300k.	200
DOE003	Community Services	To review staffing structures and spans of control across the eight services divisions	Savings of £2.25m would come from a 20% reduction in FTE across all eight services. The review would particularly include contract management and strategy development arrangements so that these can be standardised and rationalised across all large operational contracts in a way that creates consistency of approach and improved service outputs. The services referred to are those that were located in what was at that time called the Community Services division of the Chief Operating Officer's department.	1,125
DOE004	Corporate Business Support	Review support service costs	The proposal is to review the level of support services provided within the council in the future to create a leaner more efficient service to users. The options for achieving the saving are: restructuring, merging, outsourcing, shared services, and driving greater efficiency through technology and self-service.	500

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Civic Enterprise				
CE001	Support Planning & Reablement	Additional Continuing Health Care (CHC) Funding	The saving comes from the CCG funding care packages rather than the council. It should mean a better service for users with complex needs. The CCG should fund this care as they have the necessary skills to meet these needs. Previously a move to CHC funding has meant a loss of choice and control for the user that they had with a social care package, but this is no longer the case as they can now have a Personal Health Budget.	400
CE002	Cross Department	Income Generation	The generation of advertising and sponsorship income of £300k from increasing the number of on street (large and small format) billboards, lamppost banner, advertising on the council's website/intranet and roundabout sponsorship. Put in place concession contracts for the installation of wireless equipment on lampposts and review current position on rooftops and small spaces/buildings generating £210k. Carry out a review of fees and charges comparing Brent to neighbouring authorities in order to bring our charges in line including for services that were previously free with a view to raising £1.99m of additional revenue.	1,250
CE003	Digital Services	IT Sales	Following the successful provision of ICT services to the LGA and the establishment of the shared service with Lewisham. The Lewisham service will start in April 2016 covering infrastructure support and in 2017/18 will be extended to other applications. Digital services would be looking to offer ICT services on a commercial basis to other organisations. The service is already in discussion with a number of London boroughs that have expressed interest in what we can do for them and are looking to develop this so that we can have something in place for April 2018.	375

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CE004	Parking & Lighting/Parking	Eliminate the additional overhead costs of the Serco parking contract	<p>It was originally intended that the cost of the overheads for the Serco parking contract would be apportioned on a 60:38:2 ratio between the three participating boroughs: LB Brent; LB Hounslow; and LB Ealing; respectively. The ratio was calculated in proportion to the value of the overhead costs being transferred to Serco at the commencement of the contract. Immediately prior to the letting of the contract, LB Hounslow identified a shortfall on the savings target required by their administration. It was agreed between the boroughs that, on a temporary basis, the ratio would be amended to 80:18:2 (Brent: Hounslow: Ealing), with a review in January of each year to assess whether the additional contribution from Brent to Hounslow could still be justified. Brent's additional contribution is £347k p.a. and this will be reviewed.</p>	47
CE006	Regeneration and Growth	Civic Centre - Rental Income	Additional income could come from additional lets eg Library café space, increased income from the basement car park or from further release of office space	125

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Making Our Money Go Further				
MGF001	Procurement	Contract Renewal Savings	There are 161 contracts due for renewal over the next three years (2016/17 - 2018/19). This includes 63 contracts above £500k and 98 contracts below £500k. The aim will be to approach the market with a target of 10% savings against current contract prices. In addition savings to be achieved on the end of the Streetlight PFI contract by replacing the current contract requirements by a repairs only contract.	4,500
MGF003	Regeneration and Growth	FM Contract	Savings in FM contract. This could flow from a further reduction in buildings within the contract or from a revision to the contract. The alternative option which is unlikely to be acceptable to CMT, is to negotiate a reduction in the contract in return for triggering the additional period which is available at the end of the current contract period.	100
New Policy Options				
1718BUD1	Public Health	Sexual health transformation	Through participation in the London Sexual Health Transformation Programme including the London wide procurement of a 'front door' to sexual health services and a joint procurement with Ealing and Harrow of an integrated local sexual health service savings are anticipated through a diversion of activity to lower cost settings	350
1718BUD4	Residential & Nursing	Extending NAIL provision	An extension to the New Accommodation for Independent Living programme. Proposal to move the lowest needs Nursing care clients to appropriate Supported Living schemes.	200
1718BUD9	Parking	Parking Charges	To conduct a review of the charging structure for residents' permits and pay and display parking. The additional income is based on a presumption that the additional income generated would be approximately equal to four years' inflation	1000
1718BUD10	Environmental Improvement	Public Realm contract	The Public Realm Contract with Veolia includes a schedule of potential savings that can be exercised at any time during the course of the contract.	450

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1718BUD11	Parking & Lighting	Street Lighting	It is considered that an additional £100k p.a. could be saved through a rigorous review of lighting levels at a highly localised level across the borough, utilising new technology purchased for this purpose.	100
Total				12,897