

2007-08 Budget – Further Saving Options

	Further Saving Option	
	Finance and Corporate Resources	
Revenue & Benefits	A range of reductions have been discussed with Capita which they will seek to cost. They include:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in visits to empty properties from annual to six months 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer some support work offshore 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Coventry call-centre for overflow work 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of disaster recovery arrangements 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced printing and postage 	
	Review of processes	
Financial Services	Cashflow savings from a change of the pay date for salary from 15 th of the month to the end of the month.	
Audit & Investigations	Savings from audit contract Unknown until tender process finished. Costs could increase.	
	Children & Families	
Children & Families	Children and Families to review:	
	Any overlaps in support services following the creation of Children and Families	
	Further options for recharging the schools' budget	
	Purchasing budgets	
	Partnership with other boroughs for procuring services e.g. professional carers	
	Adoption numbers	
	Increases in foster carers	
	Rationalisation of premises	
	Brent Transport Generation of additional income e.g. use of vehicles at weekends Stagger starting times	
	Environment & Culture	
Libraries, Arts & Heritage	Review the role and operation of libraries Consider the use of volunteers for Sunday staffing of libraries	

Transportation Control of Utility Companies	Local highway authorities (LHA) have powers under the new roads and street work act 1991 to levy charges and fine statutory undertakers. Local authorities can charge for 10% of sample inspections in each of the following categories; during works, immediately after completion of works and immediately before the expiry of the warranty period. It can also charge for defect inspections arising from non-compliance in sample inspections. The traffic management act 2004 bolstered the powers of LHAs to ensure traffic keeps moving. Other local authorities have been more successful at generating additional income than Brent.	
	Housing and Community Care	
Adult Social Care	Review: - the extent to which direct payments can be used - day centres with a view to running them externally	
One Stop Shop	Review the provision of one stop shops in the borough as part of the review of customer contact.	
	Other	
	Salary sacrifice schemes	
	Review the use of shared facilities for providing a range of customer services.	