

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

Budget Cut Assessment Form PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT	Ref No H4	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
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Description of Proposal:
To cease the payment of Council Tax Support Grant to the Parish Councils. Estimates of the grant payable for 2016/17 are below;

Bishopton	£532
Heighington	£1,560
High Coniscliffe	£370
Hurworth	£3,352
Low Coniscliffe / Merrybent	£274
Middleton St. George	£3,523
Neasham	£439
Piercebridge	£235
Sadberge	£ 1,125
Whessoe	£1,027

The grant is identified in the Councils financial settlement however it is not ring fenced. Removal of the grant will mean the parish councils will need to increase their precept or reduce their expenditure.

Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs	Cost Shunting
No. of posts to be deleted	0	Detail any released buildings/building space – N/A Identify disposal or requisition issues	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs - N/A	Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets - No
No. of potential redundancies	0			
Estimated Redundancy costs	£0			

Financial Summary					
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget		£12,437	£12,437	£12,437	£12,437
Redundancy Costs					
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads		403	397	394	394
NET Budget Reduction		£12,840	£12,834	£12,831	£12,831

Equality Impacts

Overview is EIA needed?			Protected Characteristics			Yes	Brief Details	
Put 'x' in relevant box if the proposal:	'x'	Comments, including any charge across the options. Include the number of people affected, where known	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put 'x' in the box in the Impact column if there are positive (P) or negative (N) equality impacts. Leave box blank if there are no potential equality impacts Put L, M, H or ? in relevant column using following descriptions: L = sustainable adjustment in daily routine M = significant reorganisation or change H = life changing or limiting impact on quality of life ? = not known at this stage. 			Explain decision, level of impact and any change across the options		
Affects	Service users			Impact	Level			
	Employees			P	N	L/M/H/?	Have Cumulative Impacts been identified?	
	The wider community	As we don't know what each parish spends the grant on it is impossible to consider the impacts until consultation is considered.	Age				Have unlawful impacts been identified?	
Significantly affects how services are delivered?		Ditto	Race				Are there opportunities to advance equality?	
Have a significant effect on partner organisations?		Ditto	Sex				Are there opportunities to foster good relations?	
Affect services known to be important to particular protected groups?		Ditto	Gender Reassignment				Have any other options been explored and discounted?	
Affect different protected groups in different ways?		Ditto	Disability					
Relate to service areas with known inequalities		Ditto	Religion or Belief					
			Sexual Orientation					
			Pregnancy or Maternity					
			Marriage/Civil Partnership					

MTFP – 2016/17 – Equality Screenings. This screening tool is to gather information on potential equality impacts to inform decision making. It is not an equality impact assessment. EIA will be done at a later stage where appropriate. All proposals must have an equality screen document. Decision makers must have equality screening information before any decision is taken. DBC is at risk of legal challenge if decision makers do not have this information.