

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND SAVINGS POSITION

For consideration by Cabinet 10 November 2009

APPROVED SAVINGS INCLUDED IN 3 YEAR REVENUE BUDGET

The tables in this Appendix provide the following information :

TABLE 1 - This shows the latest position on the overall savings approved at Budget Council on 04 March 2009. These are savings are already incorporated into the budget, however a number were subject to confirmation or Member approval.

TABLE 2 - This shows the latest budget position against the projected MTFs savings targets, taking account of quantified base budget savings or proposals. The MTFs targets assume a 4% increase in Council Tax year on year, and that Government support will increase by 2.4% in 2010/11 and 2% in 2011/12.

TABLE 3 - This identifies potential budget changes and options that still need to be quantified.

The budget position is constantly changing and in order to track these changes against previous Cabinet reports, "Updated" or "New" items are highlighted at the right hand side.

TABLE 1	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	2011/12 £000	
TOTAL APPROVED SAVINGS (Budget Council 04 March 2009)	-1,387.3	-1,108.6	-1,444.8	
SAVINGS EFFECTED IN BASE BUDGET	-1,007.0	-688.0	-1,022.8	Updated
SAVINGS APPROVED BY MEMBERS TO DATE				
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 26 MARCH 09 : Corporate Strategy Restructure	-30.0	-22.2	-23.0	
Sub-Total	-1,037.0	-710.2	-1,045.8	
SAVINGS STILL TO BE ACHIEVED	-350.3	-398.4	-399.0	
SAVINGS STILL TO BE CONFIRMED / SUBJECT TO FURTHER MEMBER APPROVAL				
Senior Management Restructure	-50.0	-50.0	-50.0	*
Corporate Strategy				
Service Restructure (Balance of saving to achieve)		-8.4	-8.2	*
Communications & Marketing Review	-41.0	-61.0	-61.0	*
Revenues				
Council Tax & Hsg. Benefit : (Balance of combined savings to achieve)	-21.9	-25.3	-26.6	
Cultural Services				
Reduction in support for Festivals Innovation Fund Events	-30.0	-50.0	-50.0	*
Arts & Leisure Development	-54.0	-55.0	-56.0	*
Planning Services				
Achievement of Break-even for Building Control (reduction in staffing / increase in fees)	-143.4	-138.7	-137.2	*
Property Services				
Venue Hire to break even	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	
Sub-Total	-350.3	-398.4	-399.0	
CABINET 06 OCTOBER 09 : Community Engagement and Regen. & Policy Services		-290.0	-293.0	*
SAVINGS APPROVED 04 MARCH 2009, STILL TO BE ACHIEVED	-350.3	-108.4	-106.0	

* Note that the savings figures shown above for Community Engagement and Regeneration and Policy Services are only indicative at this stage - there is much work to finalise them. That said, it is anticipated that the proposals for these services will cover many of the other approved savings items, highlighted in grey.

There will be other approved budget savings that have been achieved to date, or are on line to be so, but are still dependent on further progress in the remainder of the year.

**IMPACT (SO FAR) OF OTHER APPROVALS, AND QUANTIFIED BUDGET
CHANGES OR PROPOSALS**

TABLE 2	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	2011/12 £000	
MTFS PROJECTED SAVINGS TARGETS	-	-1,053.0	-1,302.0	
BUDGET CHANGES APPROVED AFTER BUDGET COUNCIL				
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 30 JULY 09 : Management Team PA Support	-25.0	-30.8	-31.4	
CABINET URGENT BUSINESS 13 JULY 09 : Civil Parking Enforcement	-8.0	-8.0	-8.0	
Additional CPE savings identified	-19.0	-38.7	-39.5	
ITEMS SUBJECT TO FURTHER APPROVAL				
COUNCIL 29 APRIL 09 : Winter Gardens (Growth)		+150.0	+150.0	
CABINET 06 OCTOBER 09 :				
Youth Games (Growth)	0	+7.0	+15.0	New
Allotments (Growth)	0	+8.0	+8.0	New
Shared Services - Revenue Services	0	-80.0	-80.0	New
Sub-Total	-52.0	+7.5	+14.1	
QTR 1 CORPORATE FINANCIAL MONITORING				
Salary Savings	-195.0			
Main Service Variances	-93.0			
VAT Reimbursement	-600.0			
Provision for Icelandic Investment losses	+1,201.0			
Pay Award Savings	-200.0	-204.0	-208.0	
QTR 2 CORPORATE FINANCIAL MONITORING				
Service Restructure savings not achieved or identified (see previous table)	+350.3	+108.4	+106.0	Updated
Building Regulation Fees	+174.0			New
Planning Application Fees	+100.0			New
Car Parking Permits	+43.0			New
Vehicle Maintenance (very provisional and subject to clarification)	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	New
Main service variances (very provisional and subject to clarification)	+50.0			New
Food Waste : Delayed implementation date		-70.0		New
Sub-Total	+730.3	-265.6	-202.0	
* 2008/09 OUTTURN VARIANCES PROJECTED TO CONTINUE				
CC(D)S				
Public Conveniences (Operational savings on current provision)		-6.3	-6.3	New
Democratic Services				
Democratic Representation Expenses - Overview & Scrutiny Expenses	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	
Information & Customer Services				
Information Services	-24.0	-24.0	-34.0	
Customer Services	-7.0	-7.0	-7.0	
Financial Services				
Software / Banking Savings (provisional estimate)		-20.0	-20.0	
Sub-Total	-33.0	-59.3	-69.3	
OTHER SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCY OPTIONS				
Corporate				
Climate Change Initiatives (Growth : Elsewhere on this agenda)			+20.0	New
Cultural Services				
Highfield Rec Ground : Loss of rent (Elsewhere on this agenda)		+0.4	+0.4	New
CC(D)S				
Future Provision of Public Toilets (Elsewhere on this agenda)		-60.0	-66.0	New
Corporate Strategy				
Children & Young People	-6.0	-6.0	-6.0	New
Financial Services				
Provisional Staffing Savings from minor restructuring	-5.0	-15.0	-15.0	
More efficient use of BACS		-9.0	-9.0	New
Revenue Services				
Recovery of Legal Costs		-100.0	-100.0	New
Review of Printing & Despatch Procedures		-5.0	-5.0	New
Sub-Total	-11.0	-194.6	-180.6	
SAVINGS STILL TO BE IDENTIFIED (AGAINST CURRENT MTFS)	-634.3	-541.0	-864.2	

* NOTE : This will be completed in producing the detailed draft budget.

OTHER UNQUANTIFIED POTENTIAL BUDGET CHANGES OR PROPOSALS

TABLE 3	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	2011/12 £000
2008/09 OUTTURN VARIANCES PROJECTED TO CONTINUE			
Health & Strategic Housing			
Radiation Monitoring	-	?	?
Legal & HR Services			
Law Library	-	?	?
Search Administration	-	?	?
CC(D)S			
Trade Waste	?	?	?
Property Services			
Concessionary Travel (potentially, but also linked to current negotiations)	?	?	?
Financial Services			
Procurement Savings - Printing & Stationery	?	?	?
Procurement Savings - Agency staff	?	?	?
Sub-Total	+0.0	+0.0	+0.0
OTHER SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCY OPTIONS			
CC(D)S			
Introduction of co-mingled collection for recyclates (phased)	-	?	?
Bulky Matters - sharing overheads with Blackpool Council	-	?	?
Health & Strategic Housing			
Further Review of Housing SLA (3 year agreement in place)	-	?	?
Potential Commissioning / Procurement Opportunities	-	?	?
Information & Customer Services			
Information Services Restructuring	-	?	?
Financial Services			
Audit Fees	?	?	?
Reduced Payroll Administration following Fair Pay	-	?	?
Review of Car Allowances	-	-	?
Payroll/HR System Replacement Project	-	-	?
Sub-Total	+0.0	+0.0	+0.0
TOTAL	+0.0	+0.0	+0.0