

APPENDIX 8F

Trade Union feedback on the MTFP potential saving proposal for the reduction in the Casual mileage rate from 55p per mile to 45 pence per mile.

At the Corporate Services Joint Consultative Committee meeting on 8th January 2014 the joint Trade Unions were consulted on the list of Potential budget Savings for 2014/15 to meet the target of £14.5m for that financial year.

One proposal on the list of whole authority savings is Casual Mileage Rate reduction from 55p to 45p (the HMRC rate). (Ref No AA2)

The joint Trade Unions expressed that their position was that this should not be considered as a potential saving for 2014/15 and should be removed from the list for that financial year. They proposed that if Elected Members were not willing to discount this area completely then this item should be moved into the potential savings for consultation in the financial year 2016/17.

The Trade Unions recognised that this would leave a gap in the proposed savings of £250k but commented that the current suggested rate of Council Tax at 2.35% was not a viable option.

The Trade Unions advised that neighbouring Authorities were setting more realistic percentage increases between 3.75%-4.25%. The Trade Unions suggested that this area needed reviewing and in doing so, any increase in Council Tax should resolve the shortfall for the 2014/15 financial year.