

2016-17 Draft Savings Proposals - Social Services & Public Protection						
Directorate	Service	Ref. No	Savings Proposal	Saving 2016/17 £,000	Comments	Public Impact Category
Soc. Serv.	Social Services & Public Protection	General Savings	Savings that will have no direct impact on the public	1,633		Nil
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP08	Introduce charge to Schools for the setting up of sandwich places.	174	This is currently provided free of charge to schools and under this proposal schools will be charged for the service. Schools may choose to make their own arrangements for sandwich place settings in which case the Catering Service will be able to reduce staffing hours and still realise a saving.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP14	General Enforcement.	20	Reduction of one post in the Team. This may lead to potential delays in specific investigations.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP15	Rat Treatment Fees.	20	This proposal would introduce a charge for rat treatments. Rat treatments in domestic premises are currently undertaken free of charge. A charge of £20 is proposed.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP21	Increase Registration Fee charges.	10	Increase in ceremony fees in line with cost of providing the service.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP22	Removal of Trading Standards Officer post	45	Retirement of Senior Trading Standards Officer, backfill from within service resulting in loss of Trading Standards Officer post.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP24	Reduce the levels of CCTV staff cover for certain shifts	18	Reduce all CCTV day shifts to single staffing and reduce 50% of evening shifts from 3 to 2 operators.	Low

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Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS05	Commissioned Assessments and Therapies - Reduce budget.	50	Attachment Therapies, Post Adoption Support and Life Story work will cease. Court ordered assessments will need to be prioritised including parenting capacity and drugs testing.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS10	Reduce Independent Foster Agencies by 10 placements over 2 years.	150	Reduce total number of placements with independent foster care agencies by 5 each year through early intervention and prevention.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS14	Decommission Care & Repair (Safety at Home) Contract.	12	Loss of service would impact on potential future service users who would be required to fund their own provision via the handyman scheme.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS15	Decommission GAVO contract.	5	This represents the Social Services contribution to the Council's grant.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS23	Domiciliary Care (Extra Care Plas Hyfryd and Cefn Glas) – Review levels of support.	18	Review the proportion of service users with high, medium or low needs that are accommodated at these facilities so that the overall level of support can be reduced. Both establishments have vacancies and no waiting lists.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS24	Domiciliary Care - Review care packages provided by independent sector providers against monitoring information.	160	Review existing care packages in light of actual care received by service users. Impact on service users and carers should not be evident.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS26	Domiciliary Care Client Income - Realign budget to reflect outcomes from Members Task & Finish Group.	150	Continue to implement the above inflation increases in charges for non-residential care already approved by Members.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS34	Externally commissioned Respite Care for older people and adults with physical disabilities.	15	Reduce levels of Respite Care provided through working with people differently. This could impact upon carers if alternatives are not found.	Low

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Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS35	Equipment & Adaptations.	100	Implementation of a new funding formula already agreed by the Management Advisory Board will achieve part of this saving. A reduction in the range of equipment provided will reduce logistic costs. People will be expected to purchase some items of equipment themselves.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS38	Meals on Wheels – Increase in charge of 50p per meal.	44	May result in a decrease in uptake which could impact on the long-term sustainability of the service.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS42	Office Accommodation Rationalisation.	50	Rationalisation of the office bases used by Social Services in response to reductions in the workforce resulting from other MTFP proposals.	Low
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP01	Increase price of school meals by 10p from Sept 2016 i.e. from £2.15 to £2.25 (Secondary).	24	This will increase expenditure to the parent by 50p per week per child in the family. However, CCBC has one of the lowest costs for a school meal. This will not impact upon those in receipt of free school meals.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP03	Increase price of school meals by 10p from Sept 2016 i.e. from £1.90 to £2.00 (Primary).	28	This will increase expenditure to the parent by 50p per week per child in the family. However, CCBC has one of the lowest costs for a school meal. This will not impact upon those in receipt of free school meals.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP18	Deletion of 1.5 Environmental Health Officer Posts - Pollution Team	67	A reduction in the Team from 5 to 3.5 will impact on response times and the ability to run a service during times of annual leave or other absence. There is potential for impact on all service users including members of the public and other Council services e.g. Planning & Licensing.	Medium

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Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP23	Provide CCTV service in main town centres only.	4	The saving will be achieved in maintenance and power costs. Village and smaller town cameras tend to record fewer incidents of crime and disorder as there is less activity in those areas. However the system does provide a deterrent effect. Cameras were located in such areas as a response to crime and anti-social behaviour that may no longer be prevalent.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS11	Decommission Age Concern Hospital Discharge contract.	47	Services would not be provided for low level need to facilitate discharge from hospital e.g. shopping as this is no longer provided by the Authority.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS12	Decommission DEWIS Advocacy Contract (Residential Homes).	55	Loss of service would impact on people currently accessing the service. However, there are other advocacy services available that could be commissioned on an individual basis if required.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS13	Decommission 2 Luncheon Club contracts.	11	Loss of service would impact on people currently accessing the service if provision was reduced or terminated.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS16	Decommission Stroke Association contract.	17	Loss of service would impact on people who could access the service in future. However, funding from the Intermediate Care Fund has been utilised to develop an Early Supported Discharge Scheme for people suffering from strokes.	Medium

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Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS18	Reduce Crossroads Advocacy contract by 20%.	13	Some of the savings could be achieved by efficiencies within the voluntary organisation but more likely to result in a contraction of service provision. Loss of service could impact on people currently accessing the service and their Carers. Other advocacy services do exist and could be commissioned on an individual basis if required.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS19	Domiciliary Care - Provide domestic support in exceptional circumstances only.	153	Cease to provide domestic support to clients unless there are exceptional circumstances. Reviews will be undertaken with all existing service users to identify alternatives.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS20	Domiciliary Care - Provide laundry service in exceptional circumstances only.	138	Cease to provide a laundry service unless there are exceptional circumstances. Reviews will be undertaken with all existing service users to identify alternatives.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS21	Domiciliary Care (Sitting Services) - Cease provision of night sitting for new users unless exceptional circumstances and reduce budget by 20%.	75	Where there are exceptional circumstances this will be covered by the Emergency Care at Home Team. Existing night services to remain and taper off. Assessment & Care Management Staff will work with carers to identify different solutions using their existing networks. Potential impact on carers in terms of development of waiting lists or reduction in levels of service provided.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS32	Day Care and Day Opportunities Services - Review of discretionary service provision.	250	Further rationalisation of bases, hours of operation and potential cessation of some services. Some service users will need to be re-located.	Medium

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Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS33	Respite Care - Reduce number of Learning Disability establishments from 2 to 1 and reduce the overall number of respite care nights provided.	76	Close 1 of the 2 Council owned Respite homes and provide a reduced number of respite nights overall. This could impact on families/carers and result in more long-term placements if alternatives not established.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS36	Supported Living – Externalisation of in-house provision.	109	No longer provide direct care support in the 7 Supported Living homes that are currently staffed by Social Services employees and commission the care from the Independent sector instead. Service users could experience a change in staff, although TUPE Plus would apply.	Medium
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP12	Reduce operational Breakfast Clubs costs by 1 hour of staffing per day.	60	Staffing hours would be reduced by 1 hour in all Breakfast Clubs.	High
Soc. Serv.	Pub. Prot.	PP27	Reduce Community Safety Warden Service.	40	Withdrawal of the service on a Sunday or cutting the service to the late shift only. This would involve a reduction in hours of existing staff and/or a reduction in posts. Staffing complement would need to reduce from 9 FTE's to 7.6 FTEs.	High
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS03	Blackwood Resource Centre - Review care packages and demand trends to identify further efficiency savings.	50	Will need to ensure that social work assessments are proportionate and limit the use of the Centre to those with no other alternative.	High
Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS04	Barnardo's Family Support & Young Carers Contracts.	50	Reduced support to families in need and young carers. Less support could result in family breakdown with increased numbers of children being placed on the child protection register or becoming looked after.	High

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Soc. Serv.	Soc. Serv.	SS07	Review of Team structures within Children's Services.	77	This could result in children and young people being left vulnerable and at risk with increased numbers placed on the child protection register or becoming looked after.	High
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