

MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN
SAVING PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

DIRECTORATE:	Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools
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SERVICE AREA:	Schools
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

SAVING PROPOSAL:	2% Reduction on Key Stage 2 Funding to junior phase of learning.
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BUDGET AREA:	Schools
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TOTAL BUDGET FOR THIS AREA:	£1.4m	% OF TOTAL BUDGET IN SAVINGS PROPOSAL:	2%
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TOTAL SAVING:	£30k
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PLEASE PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SAVING WILL BE ACHIEVED:
In 2019/20 the budget for “Key Stage 2”, formerly a grant from Welsh Government, is £1.4m. This funding provides additional financial support to the Authority’s primary schools, the funding is pupil led to support class sizes of 30 pupils or less in key stage 2 (junior) phase of learning. The funding goes directly to our schools with key stage 2 provision. In 2019/20 the level of funding ranged from £7k for one of our smaller schools to £57k for our largest school. This 2% reduction will impact all schools but to varying degrees based on pupil numbers. Based on the current range of £7k to £57k the 2% reduction would equate to £140 to £1,140 for a full year.

2. PUBLIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE PUBLIC:
CONSIDER THE 5 WAYS OF WORKING, IN PARTICULAR, <i>LONG-TERM</i> IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND <i>PREVENTATIVE SERVICES</i> . RECOGNISING THAT SAVINGS MAY SECURE FUTURE PROVISION, OR MAY BE NEEDED TO SECURE PROVISION IN ANOTHER AREA.
Long-term guidance: <i>Consider the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to meet long-term needs.</i> Schools are required under their delegated powers to balance their own individual budgets, consequently they will be required to identify budget savings to cover the £30k. How schools deal with this pressure will vary from school to school.

The Authority has established processes in place to support schools and any issues would be picked up as part of normal process.

Prevention guidance: Consider whether the proposed saving is affecting a preventative area that reduces future burdens and supports well-being.

DOES THE PROPOSAL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT MORE GREATLY ON PEOPLE WITH PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS? (PLEASE TICK) (AGE, DISABILITY, GENDER REASSIGNMENT, MARRIAGE or CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, PREGNANCY AND MATERNITY, RACE, RELIGION or BELIEF, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION)	YES	NO
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NB * IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE AN EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SCREENING. THIS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER A FULL EIA IS NEEDED. FOR FURTHER ADVICE AND GUIDANCE PLEASE SEE THE POLICY PORTAL. SCREENING FORMS AND ANY EIAs WILL NEED TO BE APPENDED TO ALL DECISION REPORTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED SAVING.		

PLEASE DETAIL ANY CONSULTATION THAT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL. SUMMARISE ANY FEEDBACK RECEIVED.

CONSIDER THE 5 WAY OF WORKING, IN PARTICULAR, *INVOLVEMENT*.

Involvement guidance: Consider whether you have involved people who have an interest in the service area, including service users and potential service users.

The proposal will be part of the wider public engagement on the 2020/21 Medium Term Financial Plan.

IS FURTHER CONSULTATION REQUIRED BEFORE THIS PROPOSAL CAN BE IMPLEMENTED? (PLEASE TICK) PLEASE SEEK GUIDANCE FROM CORPORATE POLICY, WHO CAN ADVISE ON THE GUNNING PRINCIPLES, IN PLANNING ANY CONSULTATION.	YES	NO
	√ Part of budget consultation process.	

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE PUBLIC IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL (PLEASE TICK):

NIL IMPACT	MINOR IMPACT	MODERATE IMPACT	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	CRITICAL IMPACT
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3. ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD **IMPACT UPON THE ORGANISATION AND FUTURE SERVICE PROVISION:**

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PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT UPON MEMBERS OF STAFF:
Schools are required under their delegated powers to balance their own individual budgets, consequently they will be required to identify budget savings to cover the £30k. How schools deal with this pressure will vary from school to school. School budgets are typically 80% staff related. This needs to be considered in the context of the level of saving for each school (ranging from under £200 to circa £1.1k in the worse case).

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED:	Managed at school level
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NUMBER OF POSTS IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED:	Managed at school level
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NUMBER OF POSTS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED SAVING:	Managed at school level
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PLEASE SPECIFY HOW THIS WILL BE MANAGED:	HOW MANY POSTS?
POST(S) ALREADY VACANT:	Managed at school level
VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE:	Managed at school level
RETIREMENT:	Managed at school level
REDEPLOYMENT:	Managed at school level
REDUNDANCY:	Managed at school level

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHEN THIS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:	
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WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER DIRECTORATE, SERVICE AREA OR TEAM WITHIN THE COUNCIL? (PLEASE TICK)	YES	NO
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WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNER, OR VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNER? (PLEASE TICK)	YES	NO
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IF YES, PLEASE CONSIDER THE 5 WAYS OF WORKING, IN PARTICULAR <i>INTEGRATION</i>. DESCRIBE BELOW:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE AREA(S) AFFECTED; AND • HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT

<p>Integration guidance: Consider how the proposal will impact on other service areas, or partners, and their ability to meet their objectives.</p> <p>The Authority has established processes in place to support schools and any issues will be picked up as part of normal process.</p>

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<p>HAVE ANY OPTIONS BEEN CONSIDERED TO MITIGATE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF ANY MITIGATION.</p> <p>IN ADDITION, CONSIDER THE 5 WAY OF WORKING, IN PARTICULAR, <i>COLLABORATION</i>.</p> <p>Collaboration guidance: <i>Acting in collaboration with any other service or partner to meet objectives.</i></p>

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL (PLEASE TICK):				
NIL IMPACT	MINOR IMPACT	MODERATE IMPACT	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	CRITICAL IMPACT
	√ Based on value across schools			

3. LINKS TO POLICY AND CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

DOES THE SAVINGS PROPOSAL LINK TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY AND STATE WHAT THE IMPLICATION MAY BE.		
POLICY AREA	WHAT IS THE LINK?	WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?
CORPORATE PLAN and WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES (please state which objectives)	Objective 1- Improve Education Opportunities for All	Minimal impact
STATUTORY DUTIES		
WELSH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE or STRATEGY		

4. RISK(S) AND SENSITIVITIES

HAVE ANY RISKS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SAVING PROPOSAL? (PLEASE TICK)	YES	NO
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<p>IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW:</p> <p>PLEASE CONSIDER RISK TO SERVICE USERS, LOSS OF PREVENTATIVE SERVICE AND FUTURE IMPACTS, FINANCIAL RISK, RISK TO STATUTORY PERFORMANCE etc.</p>
<p>Whilst there is a potential risk with regards to performance this will be mitigated by the quality of Leadership and the effectiveness of strategic improvement. This will ensure that monies are used effectively for quality provision and impact on learners.</p>
<p>PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW HOW THESE RISKS/SENSITIVITIES WILL BE MITIGATED?</p> <p>NOT ALL RISKS CAN BE MITIGATED. SOME MAY NEED TO BE TOLERATED IN THE CONTEXT OF BUDGET PRESSURES.</p>

5. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

<p>PLEASE USE THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL HAS NOT BEEN CAPTURED.</p>

HEAD OF SERVICE: Richard Edmunds

DATE OF COMPLETION: 25th October 2019