

MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN SAVING PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

DIRECTORATE:	Communities
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SERVICE AREA:	Green Spaces and Transport Services
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

SAVING PROPOSAL:	Reduction in the playground maintenance budget
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BUDGET AREA:	Parks & Countryside Operations
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TOTAL BUDGET FOR THIS AREA:	£ 281,512 (in 2019/20)	% OF TOTAL BUDGET IN SAVINGS PROPOSAL:	3.5%
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TOTAL SAVING:	£ 10,000
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PLEASE PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SAVING WILL BE ACHIEVED:
This saving will be achieved by reducing the playground maintenance budget. The service currently has a maintenance budget of £281,512 to manage play equipment across the county borough which includes fixed play, Multi Use Games Area (MUGAs), skate parks and kick walls.

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.
This proposed budget reduction reduces the ability of the service to provide new or replacement facilities as they reach the end of their life or are vandalised. However, whilst this proposal is to reduce the existing revenue budget, opportunities to procure items of equipment, when needed are still available albeit to a lesser degree.

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
	✓	
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, <i>INVOLVEMENT</i> .		
To date, no consultation has been undertaken in connection with this particular proposal however, consultation will be undertaken as part of the Council's overall consultation on its draft budget.		
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
	As part of the 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
	✓			

3. ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE ORGANISATION AND FUTURE SERVICE PROVISION:
Opportunities to procure new items of equipment, when needed, are still available albeit to a lesser degree. Any replacement items of equipment will need to be based on a robust business case and considered within the available budget.

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT UPON MEMBERS OF STAFF:
There will be no effect on existing members of staff.

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED:	0
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NUMBER OF POSTS IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED:	0
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NUMBER OF POSTS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED SAVING:	0
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PLEASE SPECIFY HOW THIS WILL BE MANAGED:	HOW MANY POSTS ?
POST(S) ALREADY VACANT:	N/A
VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE:	N/A
RETIREMENT:	N/A
REDEPLOYMENT:	N/A
REDUNDANCY:	N/A

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHEN THIS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:	N/A
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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
		✓
WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNER, OR VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNER? (PLEASE TICK)	YES	NO
		✓

<p>IF YES, PLEASE CONSIDER THE 5 WAYS OF WORKING, IN PARTICULAR <i>INTEGRATION</i>. DESCRIBE BELOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE AREA(S) AFFECTED; AND • HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT
Not applicable.

<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>
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<p>There are options to develop new or enhance existing provision in partnership with local developers via the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or Section 106 agreements when new housing developments are approved.</p>
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TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE
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ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL (PLEASE TICK):				
NIL IMPACT	MINOR IMPACT	MODERATE IMPACT	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	CRITICAL IMPACT
	✓			

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)	Well-being Objective 5 – creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the Sustainable Development Principle within the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.	If fixed play facilities were vandalised and/or reach the end of their life expectancy and there is no budget available to undertake replacement or repairs, this could have an impact on user's ability to participate and help stay physically, mentally and socially active.
STATUTORY DUTIES	The Authority has a statutory duty to produce a 'Play Sufficiency Assessment' every three 3 years for the county borough.	The assessment not only considers fixed provision but includes recognition of 'free' play in open spaces.
WELSH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE or STRATEGY	None.	

4. RISK(S) AND SENSITIVITIES

HAVE ANY RISKS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SAVING PROPOSAL? (PLEASE TICK)	YES	NO
		✓
IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW: PLEASE CONSIDER RISK TO SERVICE USERS, LOSS OF PREVENTATIVE SERVICE AND FUTURE IMPACTS, FINANCIAL RISK, RISK TO STATUTORY PERFORMANCE etc.		
Not Applicable.		
PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW HOW THESE RISKS/SENSITIVITIES WILL BE MITIGATED? NOT ALL RISKS CAN BE MITIGATED. SOME MAY NEED TO BE TOLERATED IN THE CONTEXT OF BUDGET PRESSURES.		
Not applicable.		

5. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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

Nothing further to add.

HEAD OF SERVICE: Robert Hartshorn

DATE OF COMPLETION: 8th November 2019