

APPENDIX 3 (C) - 2012/13 NON-STAFFING SAVING PROPOSALS: ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 12/13 non-staffing proposals have been screened to identify those which impact on:
 - sustainability of *local* businesses/third sector – including increased fees, regulation or reduction in spending
 - *local* employment – the potential to either create jobs or reduce jobs
- For those proposed savings which were identified by the screening, mitigating factors have been identified.

SR	Issue	Economic Impact	Mitigation
	Community, Leisure & Libraries		
187	Reduce the amount of budget available for community public events e.g. Culture Fest	Possible reduction in the number of visitors to the Borough	Seek sponsorship from private sector to sustain number of events
	Care & Support		
2	Meals on wheels (l) cease service or subsidy. It is proposed to undertake a review of the community meals service for delivery in 2013/14.	Impact on ability of WRVS to deliver future service Impact on additional service providers who reheat meals	The review of the service will consider the impact on the WRVS and other service providers.
152	Supporting people (OE) – savings will be delivered following a fundamental review of existing contracts.	Impact on service providers – possibility of reduction in employment levels	Contract review will need to consider economic impact of any changes. The Council and partners have opened an employability centre to help the unemployed and those facing possible redundancy into work through practical advice including retraining.
154	Holding contract prices at current levels (OE)	Impact on service providers – viability of some VCS providers and independent and private sector providers and subsequent possibility of reduction in employment levels	The Cooperative Council Commission “procurement” working group is recommending that the Council reviews how it manages contracts with the voluntary sector to ensure the long term sustainability of this sector. The Council and partners have opened an employability centre to help the unemployed and

			those facing possible redundancy into work through practical advice including retraining.
	Environmental Services		
18/19	Increased parking charges in Town Centre & Ironbridge (I)	Possible reduction in visitors leading to loss of income for local businesses.	The Council has commenced development of a 'single growth plan' for the Borough to improve prosperity. Key elements of this will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - actively promoting the Borough as a place for enterprise and attracting inward investment to the Borough (both housing and business) - enhancing our business support for tourism, food and drink and advanced manufacturing. - promoting the Borough as a tourist destination. - continuing the development of the Town Centre (Southwater and Ice Rink) to improve the 'offer'
21	Increased charges for s38/s278 development charges from private developers (I)	Additional cost to businesses	See 18/19 – through future inward economic investment, demand for land should increase off-setting these increased costs.
23	Pavement licensing scheme adoption of charges (I)	Additional cost to businesses	See 18/19 - this activity will have a specific focus on increasing tourists into the Borough and raising prosperity. This will positively impact on the customer base of retail outlets across the Borough.
159	Waste & Refuse – clinical waste service review (P)	TWS service provider – potential changes to contract and service provision – possible reduction in employment levels.	The Council and partners have opened an employability centre to help the unemployed and those facing possible redundancy into work through practical advice including retraining.
202	Environment & Open spaces: winter maintenances (RCS)		
203	Waste & Refuse 4 day week for refuse and recycling (RCS)		
205	Waste & Refuse: rationalise CRC		

	(RCS)		
206	Environment & Open Spaces: reduced specifications for litter picking, sweeping and graffiti removal (RCS)		
Housing & Planning			
28	Increase in licensing taxi fees (I)	Additional cost to businesses	See 18/19 this activity will increase visitors to the Borough increasing demand for taxis.
116	Reduce B & B usage for the homeless (OE)	Impact on local B&B businesses	See 18/19 – this has the aim of improving tourism into the Borough which may provide new opportunities for B&B owners.
Economy & Skills			
60	Reduce event sponsorship (OE)	Reduction in promotion of the Borough to attract inward investment	See 18/19
63	Reduce sector development (OE)	Reduced support to drive forward economic growth in key sectors.	
Property & ICT			
119	Catering & Cleaning – reduction in milk provision – retender of provision (OE)	Impact on service providers – possibility of reduction in employment levels	See 18/19 - the Council and partners have also opened an employability centre to help the unemployed and those facing possible redundancy into work through practical advice including retraining.
163	Catering & Cleaning – retender of catering provisions and supplies (P)		

I =income; OE = operational efficiency; P = procurement; RCS = reduced/changed service