

**Spatial Planning**

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Agreed Savings – Outline details	Savings for 2015/16		Implementation Cost	Delivery Date	Possible Risks / impact of proposals	Budget Reference
	Income £	Budget reduction £				
<b>Building Control</b>						
1. <b>Building Control Efficiencies</b>  (Proposal agreed by Council in Feb 2014)	15,000					650
2. <b>Further Building Control Efficiency Savings</b>		30,000	1/4/15		<b>Internal</b> Risk to balancing the Full Cost Recovery Account	<b>650</b>

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<b>Spatial Planning and Implementation</b>						
3. <b>Planning Fee Increased Income</b>  (Proposal agreed by Council in Feb 2014)	9,000					653

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4. Further Planning Fee Increased Income	31,000			1/4/15	<b>Internal</b> This is in addition to the £9,000 previously identified (totalling £40,000). Based on increased demand not fee increases. Risk that demand does not increase.	<b>653</b>
5. Public Health funding for Senior Planning Officer	25,000			1/4/15	<b>Internal</b> No risks, new funding stream for planning work	<b>652</b>
6. Cancel Limehouse software		10,000		1/4/15	<b>Internal</b> Under- utilised online consultation tool. Will not be needed post Local Plan.	<b>652</b>
7. Advertise on the Local Plan & Website	20,000			1/4/15	<b>Internal</b> Risk that the Council appears to endorse advertisements. Also risk that income target won't be achieved	<b>652</b>
8. Rationalise Printers/Copiers		5,000		1/4/15	<b>Internal</b> Reduce number of machines at contract end. May be possible to realise this saving in 14/15	<b>653</b>

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9. Cut Fair Trade Budget		1,000		1/4/15	<p><b>Minor Impact</b> This is the sole funding source for the Fair Trade group. The Fair Trade Group have managed to attract sponsorship in the past but the council grant of £2000 is their main income and funds core activities such as printing, publicity and events. There is therefore a high risk that this group will no longer be able to operate if the funding is withdrawn. We may still support the group with officer time for meetings.</p> <p>It is agreed that £1,000 is added back into the base budget – therefore the saving is £1,000 (originally proposed £2,000)</p>	652
10. Increased Income from top slicing Section 106.	15,000			1/4/15	<p><b>Internal</b> Reliant on increased receipts of Section 106 monies</p>	653
11. Reduce Local Plan Reserve		45,000		1/4/15	<p><b>Internal</b> One off saving to meet the 15/16 target, will need to find equivalent saving 16/17 and beyond.</p>	652
12. Salary Savings		75,000	Associated redundancy costs and pension strain if applicable	1/4/15	<p><b>Internal</b> Reduction in staffing – possible impact on service delivery.</p>	653/652

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<b>Environmental Policy</b>						
13. Reduce budget for South West Energy and Environment Group – funding and obtain advice as needed from alternative sources		3,500		1/4/15	<b>Internal</b> Provides competitive consultancy time at a fixed rate. Risk that buying in as required may prove more expensive. Also less easy access to research etc to support energy / climate change work.	<b>652</b>
14. Environmental Policy Efficiency Savings		14,500		1/4/15	<b>Internal</b> Potential to provide services to other Councils and buy in other services	<b>652</b>