Community Engagement

Services that will continue to be delivered:

- Electoral services (elections and maintaining the electoral register)
- Democratic services (co-ordinating the Council's decision-making, constitutional/governance advice and public participation)
- Member, Chief Executive and Commissioner support
- Member development and training
- Chairman and civic/ceremonial support
- Facilitating school admission and exclusion appeals and supporting Torbay Independent Appeals Panel
- Registration of births deaths, marriages and civil partnerships
- Citizenship ceremonies
- Non-statutory ceremonies e.g. baby naming and renewal of vows
- Approving premise licensing for marriages and civil partnerships
- Provision of marketing and public information
- Communications policy and corporate branding, emergency planning support

Any improvement already agreed and budgeted for:

None

Key Performance indicators

- · Record of executive decisions published within five working days
- Percentage electoral forms returned
- Percentage of applications for birth, death and marriage certificates processed within five working days

Proposed Savings

*Type of Decision

- Internal i.e. efficiency / internal re-structure Decision by Head of Paid Service
- Minor Low community impact Ratified by Mayor following consultation
- **Major** High Community interest / scale impact / key political issue / risk of legal challenge Mayoral consideration following 3 months consultation

Proposals – Outline details=	Savings 2012/13		Implementation	Delivery In place	Risks / impact of proposals	Type of decision*		
	Income £ 000's	Budget reduction £ 000's	Cost Include brief outline + year incurred	01/04/12 If earlier or later state date	 Potential risks Impact on community Knock on impact to other agencies 	Internal	Minor	Major
Increased Income – Registrar increased charges for marriages held by Approved Premises (Hotels), naming and renewal ceremonies.	22	-	No associated cost.		Based on business case and the market for differential charging. Key risk is the unknown medium term location of Registrars due to uncertainty of Oldway. Impact on hotels.		√	
Service variations – restructure.	_	91	Through a process of vacancy management in the main.		 That Democratic Services, Elections and Communications can continue delivering services with the minimum resource. Severe staff sickness or emergency will impact on service delivery. That public, Member and staff expectations can be managed within the resources available. That Elections have sufficient time to multi-skill and qualify other staff to support all out elections in 4 years time 	√		

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					and the Police and Crime Commissioner elections next November.
Reduction in Members' conference budget.		3	Zero.		 That Members are able to exert national influence in other ways.
Reduction in members' training budget.		6	Zero.		 Training has been increasingly provided with in-house officers assuming delivery. We would continue to do this and therefore this would be an efficiency saving. √ The Devon Shared Member Development Service which is externally funded will continue to provide skills training at minimal cost.

Summary Costs and Savings	£ 000's	
Overall Saving - 2012/13	122	

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