

MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN SAVING PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

DIRECTORATE:	Communities
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SERVICE AREA:	Regeneration and Planning:
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

SAVING PROPOSAL:	Planning Fees
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BUDGET AREA:	Development Management and Conservation Service
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TOTAL BUDGET FOR THIS AREA:	The expectation in the budget for pre-application advice income is £29,060	% OF TOTAL BUDGET IN SAVINGS PROPOSAL:	20%
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TOTAL SAVING:	£6,000
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PLEASE PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SAVING WILL BE ACHIEVED:
<p>Fees for the submission of planning applications and other forms of consent are set by Welsh Government. The local planning authority (LPA) cannot charge for any statutory service unless there are corresponding statutory fees. One of the services provided by the LPA is planning advice prior to the submission of an application. This has a statutory element, for which there is a statutory fee schedule, and a non-statutory element i.e. additional services for which an extra charge is levied. Those extra services and fees are proposed to be increased. Further it is proposed that a new charge be introduced in respect of discretionary pre-application advice in respect of Conservation/Built Heritage applications to bring them in line with other applications.</p>

2. PUBLIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE PUBLIC:
<p>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.</p>
<p>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></p> <p>The increase in planning fees makes the service more sustainable in the long-term.</p>

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

N/A

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
		X
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.

Caerphilly's fees are not excessive when compared across the Region, and there is certainly scope for an increase. Service users are not obliged to utilise the additional service and the fee increase will be monitored to determine if they have an adverse impact on the number of service requests received.

The proposal will be included in the public engagement on the proposed 2020/21 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
	X	

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
	X			

3. ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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

The proposals will continue to deliver longer term sustainability of the service through efficiency, value for money and prudent use of resources.

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT UPON MEMBERS OF STAFF:

Staff will have to continue to show their awareness of the need to continue to drive down the costs of delivering the service through flexibility and adaption to change.

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED:	11
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NUMBER OF POSTS IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED:	11
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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:	With immediate effect.
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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
		X
WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNER, OR VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNER? (PLEASE TICK)	YES	NO
		X

IF YES, PLEASE CONSIDER THE 5 WAYS OF WORKING, IN PARTICULAR *INTEGRATION*. DESCRIBE BELOW:

- THE AREA(S) AFFECTED; AND
- HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT

Integration guidance: Consider how the proposal will impact on other service areas, or partners, and their ability to meet their objectives.

n/a

HAVE ANY OPTIONS BEEN CONSIDERED TO MITIGATE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF ANY MITIGATION.

IN ADDITION, CONSIDER THE 5 WAY OF WORKING, IN PARTICULAR, *COLLABORATION*.

Collaboration guidance: *Acting in collaboration with any other service or partner to meet objectives.*

n/a

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
x				

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)	N/A	
STATUTORY DUTIES	Section 18 of the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 requires Local Planning Authorities to provide statutory pre-application advice. This is an additional service which is discretionary.	Slight increase in planning fees will not adversely impact service users' ability to access the service.
WELSH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE or STRATEGY	N/A	

4. RISK(S) AND SENSITIVITIES

HAVE ANY RISKS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SAVING PROPOSAL? (PLEASE TICK)	YES	NO
	x	
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.		
The uncertain nature of planning fee income which can vary from year to year, depending on how many major applications are submitted, constitutes a risk in terms of the income level not being realised.		
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		

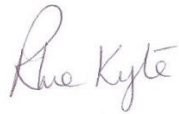
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Regular budget monitoring to identify trends in expenditure and resource usage.

5. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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

None



HEAD OF SERVICE:

DATE OF COMPLETION: 09 September 2019