

Overview of Responses and Recommendations

Budget Proposals 16/17: Traffic Management and Road Safety		Mark Edwards - Head of Highways and Transport	19 January 2016 Version 2 (Exec)
Proposal:	To reduce the Traffic Management and Road Safety Team by 1 engineer and reduce the sign and roadmarking maintenance budget by £60,000.		
Total budget 15/16:	Signs and road markings: £147,000 Traffic Management Team: £218,170 Total: £364,870	Recommended officer saving 16/17:	Signs and road markings: £60,000 (40%) Traffic Management Team: £31,000 (14%) Total: £91,000 (25%)
Initial proposed saving 16/17:	Signs and road markings: £60,000 (40%) Traffic Management Team: £31,000 (14%) Total: £91,000 (25%)	Final recommendation to Executive 16/17:	To proceed with this savings proposal, without any modifications.
Nos of responses:	16 in total, including three from town / parish councils		
Key issues raised:	Concern that the cut in sign and roadmarking maintenance will lead to road safety problems and potentially more traffic accidents. Furthermore it was noted that the reduction of one officer will impact on the capacity of the team to investigate and address safety issues on the highway.		
Equality issues:	None were drawn out from the responses. Several people noted that this cut will affect all road users.		
Suggestions for reducing the impact on service users:	Suggestion	Council response	
	Few suggestions received although one person has suggested a moratorium on new traffic schemes in order to reduce the maintenance burden.	Not an unreasonable suggestion but in reality it would be some years before any new traffic calming required maintenance, and as the budget cut will take effect from 1 April 2016 the Council needs to deliver savings immediately.	
Alternative options for applying the saving in this area:	Suggestion	Council response	
	Other than the comments below about 'self help' no other meaningful suggestions were received.		
Suggestions for how others may help contribute:	Some suggestions that the community could do more to help or work could be shared with other authorities. For example, 3 people	This is a helpful suggestion and we will pursue this with local Councils. We need to be mindful of safety issues regarding members of the public working on the highway. Sharing sign and roadmarking maintenance with other authorities is unlikely to result in the level of savings required, however we will explore efficiency savings as part of	

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	suggested that residents or Town/ Parish Council's could assist with sign cleaning	our next highway term contract.	
Officer conclusion as a result of the responses:	The exercise has not highlighted any impacts that are not already anticipated such as the potential increase in road safety risk.		
Officer recommendation as a result of responses:	Feedback has not uncovered any further issues which would prevent the Council from proceeding with this proposal. It's therefore recommended to implement this proposal with no changes.		

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