

Line Ref	Directorate	Service	Description	Implications	2016/17 £'000
1	Environment	Highways and Transport	Public Transport/Transport Services - Reduce public transport subsidy and review integrated transport team.	<p>This latest reduction in subsidy to support local bus services will result in services being cut. Services ended/ ceasing in 2015/16 included 5 (Newbury circular), 95 (Wickham) and N1-N4 (Newbury-Thatcham evenings) which will contribute towards the 2016/17 savings. The initial savings of £320k (excluding deletion of 1 officer) for 2016/17 will result in the following changes to local bus network.</p> <p>Areas losing all bus services: Ashmore Green & Ufton Nerve (service 75, Hungerford Newtown, Woodlands St Mary & Lambourn Woodlands (90), Beech Hill (75, 154, although service 145 is expected to divert to cover) Loss of direct links: Hungerford to Lambourn (service 90), Services to Wantage (82, 107), Upper Basildon & Pangbourne to Reading (143) Loss of peak bus service:Chieveley & Beedon (service 6/6A, daytime service covered by 107, Bradfield, Chapel Row, Bucklebury & Cold Ash (101/105), Beenham, Aldermaston, Brimpton, Crookham (102/104/105), Brightwalton, Chaddleworth, Leckhampstead, Peasemore, Winterbourne (107), Upper Basildon & Pangbourne (143) Services continued, but at reduced frequency:Service 2, Wash Common – Newbury (now hourly), Service 4, Lambourn – Newbury (removal of non-schoolday peak vehicle), Service 107, Downlands – Newbury (to be daytime only) Removal of West Berkshire Council subsidy: Services 20/22 & 46 (Wiltshire contracts, expected to continue), Service 28 (Reading contract, Reading are removing service)</p> <p>The additional savings of £460k required for 2016/17 will result in the following further changes to the local bus network. Areas losing all bus services: Upper Lambourn (service 90) Loss of direct links: Lambourn to Swindon (service 90) Services continued, but at reduced frequency: Service 4, Lambourn – Newbury (removal of second peak vehicle Schooldays), Service 101/4, Chapel Row, Bucklebury, Cold Ash, Brimpton, Crookham to Thatcham (reducing to daytime, twice per week), Service 101/4, Aldermaston, Beenham, Bradfield to Theale & Calcot (reducing to daytime, once per week), Service 143, Upper Basildon and Pangbourne to Purley (reducing to daytime, twice per week)</p> <p>The following services and functions will cease to be provided: Readibus scheduled accessible service (Newbury / Thatcham and Reading corridor), local additions to the national Concessionary Travel scheme (travel 0900 to 0930; companion passes; mental health entitlement; use of Handybuses) and support to Real Time Passenger Information.</p> <p>The Council has a duty to provide appropriate public passenger transport services under the Transport Act 1985. A risk of objection cannot be excluded. In addition to these public transport savings, the Integrated Transport team has been reviewed and will be reduced from 4 officers to 3 in 2016/17.</p>	-815
2	Environment	Highways and Transport	Car Parks - Increase off street parking charges and review staffing resource.	<p>Phase 1 includes an increase to £1.30 from £1.00 for first hour in Newbury plus commensurate tariff increases; a 50p increase in the evening charge to £1.50 and other tariff, season ticket and resident permit price increases at all district wide car parks. An additional £250K will be raised under Phase 2 by further increases at car parks in Theale, Pangbourne and some in Thatcham as well as a 35% increase in season ticket prices. Other changes include raising the Newbury evening charge to £2 and replacing the current Sunday charge of £1.50 in Newbury with the same tariff as Monday to Saturday. Parking charges in Newbury will therefore be the same everyday, 7 days a week. Saving includes deletion of 2 posts (1 CEO and 1 Parking Officer) which will result in reduced levels of responsiveness in respect of parking enquiries.</p>	-691
3	Environment	Highways and Transport	Traffic Management restructure	<p>A reduction of 1 Traffic Management Engineer post from a team of 6 will result in a reduced service. This will include a reduction in parking studies, traffic management investigations and dealing with requests from Parish Councils, Ward Members and the public for traffic management and road safety related services.</p>	-61
4	Environment	Highways and Transport	Signs and Road Markings - reduce budget	<p>This equates to a further cut of 40% in this budget which means that only essential signs and roadmarkings will be replaced/maintained. Many signs will remain dirty or damaged. Many roadmarkings will remain faded.</p>	-60
5	Environment	Highways and Transport	Street Lighting - Energy saving from LED project	<p>Lower energy bills from reduced consumption following completion of LED project in 2016/17.</p>	-290

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6	Environment	Highways and Transport	Reduction in Highways maintenance service	These cuts in winter gritting, road repairs, reactive maintenance, drainage and gully emptying will lead to deteriorating road surfaces and the likelihood of subsequent claims, complaints and adverse publicity. The £70k cut in winter gritting will mean a reduction of 50km per night equivalent to one route. The £100k cut in hand patching will mean a return to pothole plugging rather than permanent repairs. The £207k cut in drainage repairs, gully emptying and reactive maintenance will mean more surface water and potholes as the gully emptying frequency will be reduced to an annual cleanse for the majority of gullies. The £25k cut in bridge maintenance will result in reduced levels of routine repairs and maintenance of highway structures and bridges on the Rights of Way network. The £150k cut in the highway emergencies budget may result in a budget pressure if the number of emergencies the Council's Contractor is required to attend exceeds the available budget.	-597
7	Environment	Highways and Transport	Sewage Treatment Plants - Reduction in routine maintenance	Slight fall in maintenance requirement in 2014/15 - hence proposal for budget reduction. This remains a risk as the sewerage treatment plant is an ageing asset and so vulnerable to failure.	-10
8	Environment	Highways and Transport	Income from Traffic Regulation Orders and minor works	Income derived from traffic regulation orders, amount is dependant on number of orders issued each year and is not guaranteed	-15
9	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Savings in Waste	<p>Reductions in the street cleansing service will include reduced weed spraying, litter bin washing and cleansing around the mini recycling centres, subject to agreement with Veolia. Reduced weed clearing could cause problems of blockages to road gullies and the dispersal of highway surface water.</p> <p>Reduction in budget for landfill is a risk item and it assumes recent reductions in volumes will continue.</p> <p>The cessation of payment to re3 for the provision of access by West Berkshire residents to the re3's Smallmead Household Waste Recycling Centre, Island Road, Reading. Discussions are ongoing with re3, it is possible that they will prevent West Berkshire residents having access to the site. If this were to be the case it is anticipated that many of the West Berkshire residents who currently use the Smallmead site will divert to West Berkshire facilities at Padworth and Newbury or dispose some of their waste through the collection service. Accordingly West Berkshire will still have to process a considerable quantity of the waste previously taken by re3. The amount of saving is at risk subject to the amount of waste that diverts from the Smallmead site.</p> <p>Changes to the HWRC services could see an increase in fly tipping and misuse of the kerbside collection service.</p>	-352
10	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Reduction in library service.	<p>Close 8 of the 9 static branch libraries leaving just Newbury library open 6 days per week; cease operation of both mobile libraries; retain the At Home Service (mainly provided through volunteers) .</p> <p>Will reduce the contribution made by the libraries to literacy, IT skilling and all levels of informal education for all age groups; reduce access to information and remove social centres from eight communities. Will increase isolation for rural communities and place strain on the At Home volunteer resource. Will remove independent access to a library from many young people.</p> <p>There will need to be a comprehensive assessment of the public service equalities duty.</p>	-690
11	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Cease Tourist Information Service	Impact on local tourism possibly leading to reduced visitors to the area and associated impact on local economy. Greater impact on those not as computer literate, who therefore rely on face to face contact. No contribution from Visitor Information Service staff to the updating of information on the Visit Newbury website.	-62
12	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Watermill - reduce funding	<p>The proposal reduces the funding to the Watermill theatre by approx 44% from £32k to £18k. It may impact on funding to the Watermill Theatre from other organisations such as Arts Council England who look to the support provided by local authorities when determining their own contributions.</p> <p>A risk of objection cannot be excluded.</p>	-14
13	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Environmental Health/Trading Standards - reduce service levels and cease Cleener Greener activity	<p>Cease revenue funded cleaner greener activities (including support to the LSP Greener sub partnership) and remove the budget for Carbon Commitment following the Council achieving exemption from "Phase 2" of the credit system.</p> <p>The additional proposals see a reduction in service levels and responsiveness of EH and TS together with the phased integration of the two services. This reduction will apply to the majority of functions in EH/TS.</p> <p>In an attempt to minimise the risks associated with reducing performance in relation to statutory functions, a framework for prioritisation will be introduced. This will use a form of resource allocation based on a range of factors such as demand and severity of problem. Trading Standards have been operating this model for some time but not with the specific intention of reducing performance in relation to statutory functions. It will be a new approach for the EH service.</p>	-160

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14	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Shaw House saving due to application of new business plan	None	-30
15	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Stop arts and leisure development work	Will no longer attract grants from the Arts Council and other bodies or develop partnerships and projects to help vulnerable people participate in cultural activities in order to help develop their self-confidence and employability. There will be loss of access to grants, loss of community and youth projects in partnership with Public Health and others.	-54
16	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Cease contribution to Kintbury Jubilee Centre	This leisure centre is owned by Kintbury Parish Council who engage Parkwood Leisure for the centre management (agreement was facilitated by WBC initially but is not part of the WBC contract). It is the only Leisure centre not run/owned by the Council to receive a grant.	-9
17	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Corn Exchange - Reduction in grant	The current savings package in relation to the Corn Exchange reduces their grant from the Council by £34k per annum over a 5 year period (total reduction of £170k) that commenced with an agreement in April 2014. This proposal will supersede that agreement. It may also impact on funding to the Corn Exchange from other organisations such as Arts Council England who look to the support provided by local authorities when determining their own contributions. A risk of objection cannot be excluded.	-136
18	Environment	Culture and Environmental Protection	Museum - reduction in service	Reduce schools and other educational work by 40% on the current plan. Reduce capacity to recruit, train and manage volunteers by 20% (equivalent to one day a week of volunteering opportunities). Reduce capacity to manage the storage of collections and reduce public access to the wider collection (not in the museum) by 20% (about 1 day a week less public access to the collection).	-40
19	Environment	Planning and Countryside	The Newbury public WCs (Pembroke Rd and the Wharf) will close or transfer to Newbury TC	Closure of the WCs in the Wharf will impact on taxi drivers and visitors in particular.	-70
20	Environment	Planning and Countryside	Funding for Minerals and Waste plan	£160k will still be needed to complete the plan which will slip a year due to recruitment issues. The pressure will therefore be required in 17/18 with the permanent saving realised from 18/19 onwards.	-160
21	Environment	Planning and Countryside	Grounds Maintenance - Contract saving / reduce rural cuts by 1 and contract saving through re-tendering	Reduction in rural cut from 3 to 2 cuts per years and slower response times to service requests and complaints, reduced strimming and 'blowing' after grass cutting and reduced small area cutting eg around the base of signage. Visibility splays will be prioritised on classified roads but there still could be road traffic accidents in rural area.	-10
22	Environment	Planning and Countryside	Cease Access Service	Cease monitoring of compliance with the Equality Act 2010 which ensures the Council provides services that are accessible to people with disabilities. Cease training external service providers (including companies that deliver services on the Council's behalf) on access and equalities. No scrutiny of planning applications or support to the Planning Access Panel in relation to accessibility and inclusivity. Reduce consultation with the various access stakeholder groups such as the Disability Alliance.	-48
23	Environment	Planning and Countryside	Pang and Kennet cease contribution	This is a well developed Project with a history of working with landowners in the Pang and Kennet Valley. The funding reduction is likely to impact on a range of projects including those looking at enhancement of Biodiversity Opportunity Areas, identified by the Local Nature Conservation Partnership, work with the Parish Councils to incorporate biodiversity into Parish Plans. Will lose the ability to attract additional funding from other organisations who look to the support provided by local authorities when determining their own contributions.	-14
24	Environment	Planning and Countryside	Additional income from Development Control	If the number of planning applications should reduce then income could reduce leaving an in year pressure. At this stage national and local trends suggest that the number of applications will continue to increase.	-42
25	Environment	Planning and Countryside	Increase income at Henwick Worthy sports pitches	Increase in demand has resulted in increased income. If demand drops there may be an in year pressure.	-5
26	Environment	Planning and Countryside	Reduce Transport Policy Team resource by 1FTE	Statutory Local Transport Plan will take approx 1 year longer to produce. No longer bid for revenue funded transport initiatives relating to projects like active travel, congestion and air quality. Implementation work on transport initiatives like active travel would cease. Stop consultation responses on 'Minor' and 'Other' planning applications. Reduce support for external meetings such as West Berkshire cycle forum and cease annual cycle monitoring.	-35
				Total Environment	-4,470