

Overview of Responses and Recommendations

Budget Proposals 16/17 Phase Two: Community Council for Berkshire (CCB)		Andy Day – Head of Strategic Support	24 March 2016 Version 2 (Executive/Council)
Proposal:	To reduce the funding provided to the CCB by £3,400 in 2016/17. It is proposed that the remaining funding will be removed for 2017/18.		
Total budget 15/16:	£6,800	Recommended officer saving 16/17:	£3,400 (50%)
Initial proposed saving 16/17:	£3,400 (50%)	Final recommendation to Executive/Council:	To proceed with this savings proposal
No. of responses:	<p>In total, 25 responses were received, 23 of which included comments. Of those who responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 from individuals • Six from groups/organisations • Five from Town/Parish Councils <p>Four responses were from non-users of the service.</p>		
Key issues raised:	<p>The main issue raised by one of those responding was that there would be a lack of advice and support for trustees. There were also comments that no single organisation would be available to provide advice and support for individuals and groups, in relation to local community initiatives.</p> <p>CCB play a vital role in negotiating the price of domestic oil for several parishes. CCB also play a key role in providing advice and support on managing and maintaining village halls.</p>		
Equality issues:	No issues were raised during the consultation, that weren't already included in the EqIA stage one.		
Suggestions for reducing the impact on service users:	Suggestion	Council response	
	The point was made that as this service covered Berkshire CCB should look to see what resources were available across the County to mitigate the impact of this proposal.	This is an issue for CCB to consider.	

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Alternative options for applying the saving in this area:	Suggestion	Council response
	One response suggested that CCB should stop paying expenses to those people that helped to run workshops.	This is an issue for CCB to consider.
Suggestions for how others may help contribute:	No other suggestions were made in response to this proposal.	
Officer conclusion and recommendation as a result of the responses:	Feedback from the consultation process has not resulted in any issue being raised which would prevent the council from proceeding with the proposal. The feedback has also not generated any viable counter-proposal which would mitigate the proposal. It is therefore recommended that the proposal be progressed.	

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