

Overview of Responses and Recommendations

Budget Proposals 16/17 Phase Two: Community Furniture project (CFP)		Andy Day – Head of Strategic Support	24 March 2016 Version 2 (Executive/Council)
Proposal:	To reduce the funding provided to the CFP by £5,623 in 2016/17. It is proposed that the remaining funding will be removed for 2017/18.		
Total budget 15/16:	£11,246	Recommended officer saving 16/17:	£5,623 (50%)
Initial proposed saving 16/17:	£5,623 (50%)	Final recommendation to Executive/Council:	To proceed with this savings proposal
No. of responses:	<p>In total, 28 responses were received, 22 of which included comments. Of those who responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 from individuals • One from groups/organisations • One from Town/Parish Councils <p>11 responses were from non-users of the service.</p>		
Key issues raised:	<p>Those that responded considered that the Community Furniture Project (CFP) provided an excellent and cost effective service in relation to the furniture which it reclaimed and then redistributed this to many people that would otherwise be unable to afford it.</p> <p>Other comments referred to the excellent work which the Furniture Project do in providing opportunities for vulnerable people to get back into work.</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 only suggestion, which was made by two of those responding, was whether Greenham Common Trust could provide funding to CFP.	This is a matter for the CFP to discuss with Greenham Common Trust should they consider it appropriate.	
Alternative options for applying the saving in this area:	Suggestion	Council response	
	There were no other suggestions forthcoming.		

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Suggestions for how others may help contribute:	Apart from the Greenham Common Trust suggestion, mentioned above, no other suggestions were raised.	
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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