

We are currently facing a budget shortfall of around £22 million in 2023/24 and this requires a review of the services the Council can and cannot provide.

This consultation presents some high-level options that could contribute towards balancing the budget for 2023/24 and the impact of these approaches which include reducing and

changing services, increasing charging for services and increasing council tax.

The options below represent an estimated total of £3.5m (16%) of the identified budget gap for 2023/24 of £22m. The Council will continue to work to identify further savings and efficiencies in working practices to close the remaining budget gap for 2023/24.

Activity	Estimated saving & % of budget gap
Transform	
Transform the delivery of domestic abuse services	Approx. £260k 1.18%
Transform accommodation provision for homeless people	Approx. £530k 2.41%
Review investment in learning disability residential care	Approx. £180k 0.82%
Reduce the level of funding for carers' services	Approx. £160k 0.73%
Review funding to provide weight management support for children and adults	Approx. £50k 0.23%
Review online mental health support following the end of a pilot	Approx. £12k 0.05%
Remove oral health checks for children aged 4-6 months	Approx. £64k 0.29%
Reduce	
Reduce Early Help service for children, parents and families	£700k 3.18%
Reduce frequency of street cleaning, grass cutting and levels of highway maintenance.	Approx. £1m 4.55%
Reduce the level of housing-related support for vulnerable young people and adults	To be determined
Reduce the allocation of funding for NHS Health Checks for adults aged 40-74	£50k 0.23%
Increase	
Review and increase parking charges in the City Centre and Market towns (with increased income spent on highway maintenance)	Approx. £200k (5% increase) 0.91%
Introduce fines for littering and dog fouling in the City Centre and Market towns	Approx. £50k 0.23%
Review fees and charges, such as Building Control inspections, cremations, Wedding / civil ceremonies	To be determined
Accelerate disposal of assets including some council buildings	To be determined