

**Appendix 1 Budget Proposal 2014/15**  
**County Council January 2014**

**Proposal to Finalise Revenue Budget 2014/15**

	<b><u>£'000</u></b>
<b>Budget Shortfall 2014/15</b>	<b>-2,000</b>
<b>Pensions</b>	
Revised assumptions around pension costs. Regulations are changing from April allowing staff to elect to pay in less and receive a smaller pension. Employer's contributions would also reduce. Saving is based on actuarial assumption on level of take-up.	300
<b>Funding School Protection</b>	
Passport the additional Deprivation Grant included in the Settlement to schools as well as additional corporate investment of £322k in school infrastructure through the Corporate Plan. The proposal means the council does not need to increase the general revenue budget as previously assumed.	577
<b>Budgeted Contribution to Balances</b>	
A budgeted contribution to balances of £300k was due to be deleted as a budget saving in 2015/16. It is proposed to bring this forward to 2014/15.	300 *
<b>Council Tax</b>	
Assume Council Tax is increased by 3.5%. The additional income raised is affected by the Council Tax Benefit system which reduces the sum by approximately 25%.	228
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b><u>1,405</u></b>
<b>Service Savings Brought Forward from 2015/16</b>	
<b>Business Planning &amp; Performance</b>	
The Head of Service has proposed that two savings scheduled for 2015/16 could be brought forward. These are: <i>Partnerships &amp; Communities Restructure (Phase 2)</i> This involves the deletion of one post and the transfer of a commissioning post to grant funding. The transfer will require WG approval.	68 *
<i>Improvement Team Restructure (Phase 2)</i> Deletion of a post.	27 *
<b>Total Service Savings Brought Forward</b>	<b><u>95</u></b>
<b>Total of Proposals</b>	<b><u>1,500</u></b>
Use of Council's General Balances	500 *
<b>Budget Shortfall 2014/15</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

**Note** - those items marked \* will have an impact on 2015/16.

Bringing savings of £395k forward increases the saving requirement by the same amount in 2015/16. Use of balances means that £500k will have to be funded in 2015/16. Bringing savings forward and using balances therefore creates an additional pressure of £896k in 2015/16.