

## Appendix C. Funding Changes

The Council has reviewed the current funding assumptions and has identified a number of options which can deliver savings both one off and permanent. These can generally be split into 4 categories

- Changes to grant awards
- Use of Non ring fenced reserves
- Use of ring fenced reserves
- Reprofiling of Budgets

The tables below show each category and the proposal(s) falling within the category.

<b>Change to Grant Awards</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Income Assumptions	Government have announced an income compensation scheme for Council Tax, Business Rates and Income (Sales, Fees and Charges) affected by the Covid Pandemic.  The Council will only know the full impact when final returns are calculated in May for Council tax and Business rates. The final position will better inform the collection rate and provisions and review against the assumptions within the MTFP	Not Known
Covid Grant	Funding for the Armed Forces Covenant Grant ceased in 2020/21 creating a pressure of £30k in 2021/22.  The officer has, and continues, to support the Councils Covid response so the proposal is to fund the £30k pressure from the Covid 19 Grant which is built into the 21/22 budget.	£30k (One Off)
Homelessness	Homelessness government grant confirmed higher than assumed in MTFP	£24k (Recurring)
Changing Lives	Review grant terms and conditions and charge additional costs to the grant e.g. proportion of Head of Service Salary	Not Known
New Burdens Funding	The Council will receive new burden funding for administering government led initiatives e.g. Business Grants.	Not Known (awaiting allocation)

<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Commuted Sum	Due to the increased costs within the Grounds Maintenance Contract an increase in draw down from the commuted sum reserve for 2 years (or until the contract is retendered) at which point the draw down to be reviewed	£20k (2 Years)
Hardship Fund	Fund the Councils contribution from the hardship fund for 3 years. This will use the Councils Hardship reserve in full, but the reserve has not been used since being established.	£40k per annum (3 years)

<b>Ring Fenced Reserve (any use of these reserves needs agreement of other bodies)</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Public Health	Review expenditure and put proposals to the Director of Public Health to fund Public Health duties currently funded from the Council to be funded from Public Health.  This has been agreed with the Director of Public Health.	£100k (One Off)
Better Care Fund (BCF)	Review expenditure and put proposals to the Better Care Fund Programme Board to fund ASC costs currently funded from the Council to be funded from BCF  This is not yet agreed	£300k (One Off)

### Budget Reprofileing

Area	Direction of Travel	Amount
Public Transport	<p>Concessionary fares which are paid to providers when a bus pass is used has been falling during recent years, even before the recent pandemic.</p> <p>It is expected that this trend will continue, as such, the budget can be reduced.</p>	£71k (Recurring)
Commercial Properties	Review the provision levels on all commercial properties. Occupancy and debt levels have been consistent, even through the pandemic.	£unknown (Recurring)
Housing Benefit Overpayments	<p>The recovery of overpaid benefits has been better than predicted for a number of years. This has resulted in a consistent underspend against budget. This is expected to continue going forward, as part of these proposals the Council will continue to keep the provision for bad debt at 80% of the overpayment, which can be achieved within this proposal.</p>	£40k (Recurring)