

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL
IMPACT OF COUNTY FUNDING POSITION – 2014/15 – 2016/17
REDUCTIONS TO BUDGET

SCHEDULE 1

Service	Budget 13/14	Reduction 14/15	Reduction 15/16	Reduction 16/17	Total Reduction (includes 13/14 cuts)	Impact on Borough Service Delivery Include link to Strategic Purpose & Potential Impact on Measures
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Adult Services and Health (ASH)						
Future Lives:						
- Assistive Technology	1287	500	500		1000	COMMUNITY SERVICES This budget contributes significantly to the council's Lifeline service through our Supporting People grant . The reduction would result in the loss of £202,000 to RBC. Lifeline delivers against 'Help me live my life independently' strategic purpose and withdrawal of the funding would impact on 'adult social care referrals' measure. Loss of this funding would impact on the most vulnerable Lifeline users who are currently funded via Supporting People
- Ageing Well	15042	8112	658		8770	BENEFITS SERVICE Reductions in supporting people budgets are likely to result in costs being passed on through rents. Higher rents may reduce the incentive to work, thus reducing capacity to become more financial independent. The LA has a duty to apply 'fair rent' legislation and failure to do so properly may impact on benefits subsidy therefore there is a financial risk to the authorities. Work is taking place to ensure a consistent approach across North Worcs
- Recovery	4939	1000	2500		3500	
- New Models of Care	126632	3590	5750	9190	18530	

					<p>LEISURE SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ageing Well</i> No direct impact based on information provided but likely to be reduction in commissioned service that will impact on sections of the community that do not meet the set programme. Although prevention is mentioned this is likely to be increasingly targeted and based on enhanced referral pathways and preferred evidence bases that may not reflect local priorities. This may impact on some generic programmes offered through the Council such as exercise classes and flu prevention - <i>Recovery</i> No direct impact on the Councils service but may lead to a need to change service design and operational delivery/programmes to reflect changes in personalisation agenda & recovery needs/pathways. This will lead to the need to create increasing focused programmes and reduce the number of generic or specific session provide that do not reflect local priorities as resident usage pattern and needs change, with a potential focus on off peak usage for older people and disability based programmes. <p>COMMUNITY SERVICES</p> <p><i>Ageing Well</i> Whilst there is no direct loss of funding to RBC, reductions in domestic abuse, substance and offender support will impact on 'Keep my place safe and looking good' strategic purpose. It will also have a negative effect on all four community Safety Partnership priorities, these being: Antisocial Behaviour; Violence and Abuse; Burglary; and Re-offending.</p> <p>HOUSING Potential impact on the St David's House Contract from the reduction in Supporting People and County Social Care funding. Officers in discussions with County to assess exact implications</p>
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						and to identify how service can be delivered. Current contract extended to June 2014. Impact on home support contract (ends March 2015) unclear. County has requested data and a consultation event has been planned. Officers will continue to discuss with County to assess impact on residents and costs.
Business, Environment and Community (BEC)						
The Open Road	22200	1850	830	250	2950	COMMUNITY SERVICES Whilst there is no direct loss of funding to RBC, the proposal to switch off 66% (two out of every three) of the County's less efficient (low and high pressure) sodium lighting between midnight and 6.00am will impact on 'keep my place safe and looking good' strategic purpose. The Community Safety Partnership are seeking further information on this proposal in order to assess the impact on safety and crime.
Social and Community Transport	4600	2000	220	3603	4600	COMMUNITY SERVICES Reductions in local bus subsidised bus services and transport for social care customers will impact on 'Help me live my life independently' strategic purpose. Whilst there is no direct loss of funding to RBC, we are likely to see an increase in demand for our Dial A Ride community transport scheme. Residents rely heavily on CT schemes for medical appointments and assisted travel. CT helps to maintain independence for those with poor mobility and disabilities. If there is more demand for our service, then the health of our residents could be affected by not being able to make appointments or clinics.
Moving towards self-financing discretionary	3750	306	350	50	1136	CULTURAL SERVICES Full impact will not be understood in these areas until actual areas from reductions are documented but likely to reduce

services						funding to Arts service reduce partnership workings in the short term and create an increased reliance on local partnership and infrastructure
BEC - Other savings	36700	2623	863	945	6654	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES This will mean the loss of the waste performance grant which would have had a value of £57k in 2014/15
Children's Services (ChS)						
Transforming Early Help	10090	1670	1445	975	4090	COMMUNITY SERVICES There is a direct impact on the Council as the contracted provider to deliver Early Help in Redditch. The reduction in funding is proposed at £369,791 over 3 years and will impact on the delivery of Children's Centre, Family support and Parenting programmes to families with children 0 – 19 years. It is likely to push the focus to reactive support services and reduce the delivery of preventative services. This will impact on the 'help me live my life independently' strategic purpose
Other						
Digital Strategy and Customer Access	6375	597	879	1946		The impact to the LA will be a reduction in customer service funding of £80K This will be mitigated through a structure review of the service. Customers appear to be responding well to the requirement to use self service channels, with no reported drop in applications for Blue Badges and Bus Passes.
Better use of property						The move to a commissioning model for Property Services will potentially result in costs to the authority in the short term as arrangements are made, going forward there is potential for significant savings. There is likely to be an impact on the responsiveness of the service which will be monitored using performance measures on a regular basis.