

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS CARRIED FORWARD INTO 2024-25

Ref.	Budget Reduction Proposal		Original Reduction and RAG £000	Total amount of saving likely to be achieved by 24-25 £000	Reason why not achievable	Proposed Action in 2024-25 to achieve
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RAG STATUS KEY

RED	Not likely to be achieved at all in this financial year or less than 25%.
AMBER	Reduction not likely to be achieved in full in financial year but greater than 25%
GREEN	Reduction likely to be achieved in full

EDUCATION, EARLY YEARS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

EDFS1 (2023-24)	Delegate some school transport responsibilities to The Bridge Pupil Referral Unit under a new delivery model to deliver efficiency savings		40	40	During 2023-24 officers investigated the practicalities and implications of a bespoke transport arrangement for the Bridge Alternative Provision. It was determined that without capital investment to purchase a vehicle and additional staff resources that the proposal was not possible to be delivered. The transport budget for The Bridge has been re-instated to 2022-23 levels. Since September 2023, the approach taken in relation to supporting Post 16 learners with college passes has been changed, with the £40K savings now anticipated to be made on the Post 16 transport budget.	No further action required in 2024-25.
Total Education, Early Years and Young People			40	40		

COMMUNITIES

COM 2 (2021-22)	Re-location of Community Recycling Centre from Tythegston to Pyle resulting in cessation of lease payments at existing site		60	0	The new site opened during quarter 4 of 2023-24. The timing of the opening meant that exit terms of the lease are being finalised in 2024-25. Once these have been finalised, the full saving will be made.	The service will endeavour to meet any shortfall in the saving through alternative one off efficiencies in 2024-25 to deliver a balanced budget position.
COM 3 (2022-23)	Change the composition of Household Food Waste Bags		35	89	The budget reduction proposal was delayed in 2023-24 until the outcome of national research had been completed to ensure any potential changes in legislation did not impact on this proposal. The new waste contractors from 1st April 2024 have implemented the change of composition, therefore the saving will be made in full during 2024-25.	No further action required. The new waste contractors from 1st April 2024 have implemented the change of composition, therefore the saving will be made in full during 2024-25.
COM 4 (2022-23)	Remove Business in Focus from running Enterprise Centres in Bridgend		20	20	Review of Business in Focus operating model continues to be explored to identify operating efficiencies with a view to restructuring the management agreement with Business in Focus to deliver this saving in full in 2024-25.	None required - 2024-25 will see the delivery of this saving target in full.
COM 5 (2022-23)	Commercially let a wing of Ravens court to a partner organisation or business		50	0	Building has not been commercially let during 2024-25.	The service anticipates the sale of the freehold in the final quarter of 2024-25 which will enable the savings to be realised going into 2025-26.
COM 1 (2023-24)	Closure of each of the Community Recycling Centre sites for one weekday per week		50	50	Public consultation on this proposal was held between 30 June and 12 September 2023, with the outcome reported to Cabinet on 21 November 2023, when the proposal was approved. A marginal saving was made in 2023-24 with the full saving being realised in 2024-25.	None required - 2024-25 will see the delivery of this saving target in full.
COM 2 (2023-24)	Charging Blue Badge Holders for parking		40	0	The traffic management team were engaged in the introduction of the default national speed limit in built up areas. The saving proposal was not achieved in 2023-24 due to the processes required to introduce any change.	A staff member has commenced work on this proposal. It requires a full order making process which is typically 12-18 months. Progress will be determined by this process and updates will continue to be provided to Cabinet. The service will endeavour to meet any shortfall in the saving through alternative one off efficiencies in 2024-25 to deliver a balanced budget position.
COM 3 (2023-24)	Commercially let two wings of Ravens court to a partner organisation or business		120	0	Building has not been commercially let during 2024-25.	The service anticipates the sale of the freehold in the final quarter of 2024-25 which will enable the savings to be realised going into 2025-26.
Total Communities Directorate			375	159		
GRAND TOTAL OUTSTANDING REDUCTIONS			415	199		
REDUCTIONS SHORTFALL				216		