

Budget Option 2018/19 – 2019/20

Cumulative Net Savings

Reference:	FCS – Fin 2
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2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000
200	200	200

Director Responsible for Delivery	Judith Badger
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Cabinet Portfolio Holder	CLr Alam
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Finance Business Partner	Mike Hirst
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Proposal Description	Recovery of Housing Benefit Overpayments
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Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)	<p>Housing Benefit payments to claimants are covered by Government Grant and are not a cost to the Council. However housing benefit regulations allow local authorities to retain some benefit from the recovery of any overpayments of housing benefit made in error. The potential value of this varies depending on whether the overpayment is a result of claimant error or local authority error. This arrangement within the regulations is intended to provide an incentive to local authorities to pursue recovery of overpayments.</p> <p>Currently there is no income budget for this within the revenues & benefits service, but the Council benefits by around £200k per year from successful recovery of overpayments. It is therefore proposed to include this value of estimated income in future years' budgets.</p>
Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)	None
Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT	None

Appendix 2 – F&CS

(please specify)	
Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)	None
Reduction in Head Count	None
Decision Maker: Cabinet, Commissioner or Officer/Management Action	Management Action