Budget Option 2018/19 - 2019/20

Cumulative Net Savings

Reference: R&E 2b

2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
£'000	£'000	£'000	
	44	44	

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Proposal Description	RIDC
	RIDU

Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)

Reduce the Economic Strategy and Partnerships team in RiDO by 1 post (at Band J) – the Research, Policy and Funding post. The post is currently vacant.

The post covers the following work areas:-

- External funding and bids
- Economic/ Regeneration research and strategy
- Economic Growth Plan
- Performance reporting
- Facilitating Economic Growth Board, 3 sub-groups (Employment and Skills; Town Centre and Business Support), Town Centre Voice group
- Support for projects arising from the boards
- Interface with SCR

The Growth Plan is reviewed and monitored at 6 monthly intervals so an option is to reduce this to annually.

The Growth Board sub-groups could be reduced, merged or meet less often.

Amount of research and strategy carried out by the team and the support on funding bids would be reduced.

Reduction of 1 post would save £44,000. The section currently has 3 posts (Employment and Skills, Growth

Appendix 1 – R&E

	Board and Partnerships and the vacant Research, Policy and Funding post) and would reduce to the team to 2 posts (1.67 FTE.)	
Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)	Implications for Financial Services for work on external funding. Implications for the research and information team.	
Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify)	HR support for reduction of 1 post.	
Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)	1	
Reduction in Head Count	1	

Decision Maker: Either Cabinet, Commissioner or Officer/Management Action	Management
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