

Business Planning / MTFs Options 2019/20 – 2023/24

Ref: EC1

Title of Option:	Sustainability Planning Advice Income – Carbon Management and Planning Service		
Priority:	Economy	Responsible Officer:	Joe Baker / Emma Williamson
Affected Service(s):	Carbon Management and Planning	Contact / Lead:	Joe Baker

Description of Option:

- *What is the proposal in essence? What is its **scope**? What will **change**?*
- *What will be the impact on the Council's objectives and outcomes (please refer to relevant Corporate Plan 2015-18 objectives and outcomes, and Borough Plan Evidence Packs)*
- **How does this option ensure the Council is still able to meet statutory requirements?**
- *How will the proposal deliver the benefits outlined?*

[Proposals will be mapped to the new Borough Plan Priorities/Objectives/Outcomes as they emerge – please take account of any likely changes when framing proposals]

To make a saving of £60,000 from the Carbon Management Service base budget, and to replace this saving with income from the Planning Service for the same amount (secured through a Service Level Agreement). This income from the Planning Service would be secured through Planning Performance Agreement Fees. The Carbon Management Service would then continue, and increase, its support the Planning Service through advice and technical specification on planning applications and issues related to carbon reduction, energy and sustainability. The level of support and the timeframes will need to be set out in the agreed Service Level Agreement between the two services.

The Carbon Management Service already undertakes this work for the planning service to ensure that the policies around Carbon Reduction, Local Energy Production, and Sustainability are secured in the planning process. This SLA and budget adjustment would better reflect the arrangement, and allow for it to mature and improve on a stable footing, while reducing the demand placed on the Council's base revenue budget by the Carbon Management team.

1. Financial benefits summary					
2018/19 Service Budget (£'000)	312,500				
Savings <i>All savings shown on an incremental basis</i>	2019/20 £000s	2020/21 £000s	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s	2023/24 £000s
Existing Budget	£313	£253	£253	£253	£253
Proposed net expenditure after savings	£253	£253	£253	£253	£253
Savings	£60	£0	£0	£0	£0
New net additional savings (year on year)	£60				

Impact / non-financial benefits and disbenefits
<p>What is the likely impact on customers and how will negative impacts be mitigated or managed? <i>List both positive and negative impacts. Where possible link these to outcomes (please refer to relevant Corporate Plan 2015-18 objectives and outcomes)</i></p>
<p>There should be no impact on the services offered, but fees collected from the Planning Service may have to increase.</p>
<p>What is the impact on businesses, members, staff, partners and other stakeholders and how will this be mitigated or managed? How has this been discussed / agreed with other parties affected? <i>List both positive and negative impacts.</i></p>
<p>Planning fees (pre-application advice) may have to increase.</p>
<p>How does this option ensure the Council is able to meet statutory requirements?</p>
<p>Carbon reduction and sustainability is a statutory requirement and its process has been embedded through the planning service through the SEA Directive, and the NPPF. Though supporting the Carbon Management Service in this manner it will ensure that this statutory function can continue.</p>

Risks and Mitigation			
<i>What are the main risks associated with this option and how could they be mitigated?</i>			
Risk	Impact H/M/L	Probability H/M/L	Mitigation
Planning fees reduce in volume.			To continue to promote that borough as a place to do business in.
Environmental Standard are not required			To monitor national, regional and local policies.