

APPENDIX A – SUMMARY OF POLICY OPTIONS

Ref.	Policy Option	Estimated Savings £000s	Impact of policy option on service/customers	Comments
PO1	Operate the Chapel Gallery and Arts Service on a more commercial basis in accordance with a Commercial Development Plan	10	The proposal would have minimal impact on the customer.	The estimated saving of £10,000 is based on a 5% target and should be achievable in the first year of operation of this new approach. A higher level of savings should then be achieved in subsequent years following the installation of the proposed new lift.
PO2	Building Control Restructure	42	The proposal would have minimal impact on the customer.	The team was restructured in 2011/12 and again in 2013/14 as a result of a reduction in workload resulting from the expansion of activities by Approved Inspectors. Approved Inspectors continue to increase their share of the Building Control market, and in addition it is anticipated that there will be a reduction in HRA work, and consequently there is now sufficient spare capacity to facilitate a further restructure of the team.
PO3	Reduced Civic Costs	5	Reduced level of engagement with others through civic role.	Replace Civic Dinner with Mayor's Charity Ball paid for by attendees with resource support limited to officer time only, and reduced catering provision at civic events.
PO4	Rationalisation of bin provision and move to dual waste bins (replacement of dog waste bins with dual function bins)	28	Move away from current arrangement which involves dedicated dog waste bins and dedicated litter bins being provided across the borough to a combined function litter / dog waste bin. There would be a need to consult with Parish Councils on this proposal.	Most other Lancashire authorities have adopted this approach. There would be some additional costs involved in the transition from specific to generic bins.

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PO5	Introduce a charge for the collection of green compostable material	500	<p>Potential reduction in recycling rate and negative public reaction to the introduction of charging for this high profile service.</p> <p>The charge would be £30 per year for a seasonal service and assumes a take up rate of 35% from the 48,000 residential properties in the Borough</p> <p>Households could also choose to have more than one green bin, at a charge of £25 for each additional bin.</p>	<p>A comprehensive advertising and promotion campaign explaining the need for the change would take place as part of this proposal.</p> <p>A number of local authorities have already introduced this approach. Concerns that garden material will be diverted to the grey (residual) bin have not been recognised by these authorities. It has been promoted that the most environmentally beneficial and cost effective method of dealing with garden material is in the property's garden via home composting.</p> <p>There would be one off costs of implementing this new approach, and a staffing review would need to take place once the new system has been established.</p>
PO6	Renegotiation of Lancashire County Council shared services contract for Revenues, Benefits and ICT services, for example through joint efficiency projects and changes to performance targets for cost reductions	42	There may be an impact on customers (internal and external) depending upon which part of the contract is focused on with potential service reductions.	Renegotiation of this contract, which is worth £3.2m a year, would require a significant input from a number of key staff including the Procurement Executive, and specialist external support. The outcome would be dependent on negotiations with our partners, but with the expectation that the savings figure would be significantly higher from year 2 onwards.

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PO7	<p>Reduce concurrent grants paid to parish councils:</p> <p>Option A – reduce funding by 10% per year over each of the next 3 years in line with the reductions anticipated in our government grant support;</p> <p>Option B – front load this reduction and make a 30% saving in 2016/17.</p>	19	This option could potentially result in a reduction in the services provided by Parish Councils.	<p>This proposal would reduce the concurrent funding provided to parishes, which is currently worth £64,000 per year.</p> <p>Under Option A the saving would be £6,000 in 2016/17, £12,000 in 2017/18 and £19,000 in 2018/19. Under Option B the saving would be £19,000 from 2016/17 onwards</p>
PO8	<p>Reduce Council Tax support grant paid to parish councils:</p> <p>Option A – reduce funding by 10% per year over each of the next 3 years in line with the reductions anticipated in our government grant support;</p> <p>Option B – front load this reduction and make a 30% saving in 2016/17.</p>	14	This option could potentially result in a reduction in the services provided by Parish Councils.	<p>This proposal would reduce the council tax support funding provided to parishes, which is currently worth £48,000 per year.</p> <p>Under Option A the saving would be £5,000 in 2016/17, £10,000 in 2017/18 and £14,000 in 2018/19. Under Option B the saving would be £14,000 from 2016/17 onwards</p> <p>There is a government expectation that this funding should be provided to parishes but it is not a statutory requirement</p>

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PO9	Cease: (a) Producing Year Books and Diaries (b) Attendance at Royal Garden Party (c) Sending of Christmas Cards (d) Remaining Town Twinning function (e) Provision of past Mayor's Jewel	1.3 1.1 0.4 1.5 0.6	Reduced level of engagement with others through civic role.	
PO10	Seek funding from local businesses for Christmas Light provision for Ormskirk and Skelmersdale	31	None	This option is dependent on contributions from local businesses
TOTAL		696		