

**What
Really
Matters?**

Budget Option
**Review of
Transport
Depot and Fleet**

Savings

2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	TOTAL
£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
100	0	0	100

Option summary

The transport budget has a turnover of £8.9m (Home to school - £5,392,000, Vulnerable adults - £1,669,000, Courier service - £267,000, Depot and maintenance - £1,596,000).

The Council has reviewed transport policies for Home to School Transport and for Vulnerable Adults. Elsewhere proposals have been made in respect of the Courier Service. No further savings are proposed in these areas at this time. This option would not lead to any reduction in actual transport services for children, young people or vulnerable adults.

It is proposed that the £100,000 saving is achieved within Depot and vehicle maintenance costs. This will be by a consolidation of all vehicle and equipment maintenance for the council on one site, a review of the vehicle fleet, rationalising, modernising and reducing where possible and developing partnerships with neighbouring authorities.

Potential impact

The provision of transport is an essential feature of many council services. This saving may impact on the council's ability to use transport to respond flexibly or timely to sudden or unforeseen needs as they arise.

There is a risk that the Council may become increasingly reliant on a limited number of transport providers.

Reducing the impact

The provision of a central depot would ensure that a flexible response can be maintained. Partnership or commercial agreements would need to include contingency arrangements and break clauses.