

APPENDIX 2 – POTENTIAL SAVINGS

Budget Saving Proposals can be placed into the following categories:

- **Increasing Business Efficiencies:** This approach will identify efficiency measures that will result in more effective ways in which services are currently provided and may include cost reduction.
- **Increasing Income:** The Council will look to identify areas where it can raise income through fees and charges.
- **Changing how we fund or provide services:** We aim to ensure that the right service reaches the right resident when and where they need it, for the best cost. This may mean changing how we fund or provide services so that we are able to reduce costs and maintain services by becoming more efficient and by doing things differently.
- **Reducing or stopping services:** Although all efforts will be made to keep service reduction to a minimum, the scale of the financial challenge means that not all reduction proposals can be avoided.

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Theme	Option	Description	24/25 Saving (£m)	25/26 Saving (£m)	26/27 Saving (£m)	27/28 Saving (£m)	28/29 Saving (£m)
Increasing Business Efficiencies	Reduction in teachers pension liabilities	This saving reflects a reduction in Teacher's pension liabilities for the Council.	-0.200	-0.075	-0.050	0.000	0.000
	Kingsway PFI buy out	This proposal is to buy out part of the PFI contract which will result in an ongoing revenue saving.	-0.500	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Re-organisation of Early Help, Family Support and Social Care into locality teams.	This option proposes that the current Early Help, Family Support and Social Care services move into a locality-based model, supporting multiagency teams to offer support to children and families at the earliest opportunity.	-0.550	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Changing how we fund or provide services	Reduction in looked after children (LAC) numbers	This saving reflects a reduction in Wirral's Looked After Children numbers as historic high levels align more with other authorities following practice improvements since 2019	-0.330	-0.439	-0.375	0.000	0.000
	Reducing High Cost Residential Care	This option aims to ensure that more children remain within Wirral in more cost-effective foster placements and less children have to go into higher cost residential care.	-1.100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Promoting Independence	The review will consider current practice including all guidance and best practice nationally to look at how service models could change to promote independence.	-0.300	-0.200	0.000	0.000	0.000