

MAINTAINING A DURABLE BUDGET

Draft support paragraphs for Recommendations

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The Cabinet recognises the opportunity to apply a 'smoothing strategy' to the achievement of savings by spreading the delivery over a period of more than one year.

The eight work streams set out in the report will need to generate an average of £150k each in order to deliver around £1.2m, however it is recognised that the maximum amount of flexibility should be maintained.

Monitoring of the savings will be undertaken routinely and closely by the Executive with reports to every meeting.

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The Executive has identified the following issues for big ticket lobbying activity:

- ◆ S106 principles
- ◆ Incentives for successful housing and business growth
- ◆ Council Tax incentives
- ◆ Concessionary travel switching of service and funding
- ◆ Fees and Charges
- ◆ Benefits administration
- ◆ Local Enterprise Partnerships
- ◆ Protecting priority projects

“Big Ticket” Lobby Update

	What?	Why?	Current Status
1	S106	The “Cherry Picker” notation would harm us. Big numbers (£) are at stake	Working to influence Lord Best’s Review via LGA, CLG and Lord Best
2	Incentives for Growth	Has been (and is also seen as) critical to priority and cash delivery both historically and in future	Seeking to shape the share and shape of incentive scheme to KBC benefit
3	Council Tax Incentive	Ensure not lost in floors/ceilings	Working through LGA and CLG and District Councils Network to shape
4	Concessionary Travel switching of service and grants	Risk that more R.S.G grant transfers than should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Currently quantifying the content of the R.S.G which is for Concessionary Travel ◆ District Treasures Network being used to access decision makers ◆ Case being made to protect KBC position
5	Fees and Charges	Fees and charges represents a total of £6m p.a. but much of that is fixed controlled by Government	Using District Councils Network to make submission to Secretary of State.
6	Benefits	Significant scope for closer co-ordination with DWP. We have good credibility here due to track record of joint working with HMRC	Using District Councils Network to make submission to Secretary of State.
7	Local Enterprise Partnerships	Potential to shape the LEP to ensure maximum opportunities for KBC	Evaluating options and influencing outcome
8	Priority projects – protecting funding	There are a number of other strands of lobbying activity that will be required to protect existing funding commitments / services.	Evaluating current status and identifying main areas for lobbying