

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

H4

Budget Cut Assessment Form PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT	Ref No H4	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
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Description of Proposal:
To cease the payment of Council Tax Support Grant to the Parish Councils. Estimates of the grant payable for 2016/17 are below;

Bishopton	£532
Heighington	£1,560
High Coniscliffe	£370
Hurworth	£3,352
Low Coniscliffe / Merrybent	£274
Middleton St. George	£3,523
Neasham	£439
Piercebridge	£235
Sadberge	£ 1,125
Whessoe	£1,027

The grant is identified in the Councils financial settlement however it is not ring fenced. Removal of the grant will mean the parish councils will need to increase their precept or reduce their expenditure.

Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs	Cost Shunting
No. of posts to be deleted	0	Detail any released buildings/building space – N/A Identify disposal or requisition issues	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs - N/A	Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets - No
No. of potential redundancies	0			
Estimated Redundancy costs	£0			

Financial Summary					
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget		£12,463	£12,463	£12,463	£12,463
Redundancy Costs					
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads		401	396	393	393
NET Budget Reduction		£12,864	£12,859	£12,856	£12,856

Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the proposal's relevance to Darlington Borough Council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Councillors should note that an initial equalities impact assessment screening was conducted and determined that this proposal has no or negligible impacts on protected characteristics and therefore a full EIA was not undertaken.