

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

H4

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<p>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;</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Bishopton</td><td style="text-align: right;">£532</td></tr> <tr><td>Heighington</td><td style="text-align: right;">£1,560</td></tr> <tr><td>High Coniscliffe</td><td style="text-align: right;">£370</td></tr> <tr><td>Hurworth</td><td style="text-align: right;">£3,352</td></tr> <tr><td>Low Coniscliffe / Merrybent</td><td style="text-align: right;">£274</td></tr> <tr><td>Middleton St. George</td><td style="text-align: right;">£3,523</td></tr> <tr><td>Neasham</td><td style="text-align: right;">£439</td></tr> <tr><td>Piercebridge</td><td style="text-align: right;">£235</td></tr> <tr><td>Sadberge</td><td style="text-align: right;">£ 1,125</td></tr> <tr><td>Whessoe</td><td style="text-align: right;">£1,027</td></tr> </table> <p>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.</p>							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
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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.