

APPENDIX 5

Over **230** residents and stakeholders engaged in the Budget Consultation.

The table below shows the total number of comments (**93**) received via the dedicated 'Budget 2016/17' consultation email address, other means of communication, staff roadshows, and the six township forums.

Proposed savings	Number of comments	Themes of comments
Alternative Service Delivery Models	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop all non-essential outgoings
Better Use of Buildings / Assets	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close all libraries for the moment • Stop all proposed road changes • Are cuts really cuts or just what the Council thinks it has lost under the Block Grant Formula • Bring more young people to the town • Use apprenticeship schemes
Grant Optimisation	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without the voluntary sector, some grants would not be brought into the Borough
Grants to Voluntary Sector	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No analysis done of the impact of these cuts in terms of 'value for money' • Equality Analysis is done for the Budget and so does not fully consider impact on vulnerable clients of voluntary organisations • Need to invest to save using the voluntary sector • Without funding voluntary services the Council relies on will disappear • Volunteers provide free support • Without the voluntary sector there will be increased demand on statutory services
Income Generation	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charge a nominal fee for bus

		<p>passes for pensioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give discounts on business rates to attract them to the town and give longer term benefits • Need more businesses in Radcliffe Town Centre
Procurement Savings	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments
Service Redesign	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at Council staff salaries • Consider the equality implications (in particular for LGBT people) when changing the ways services are provided, as some groups will be more negatively affected than others • Do not make cuts in the short-term that will have negative impacts on budgets in the longer-term
Staff Restructuring	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments
Use of Technology	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make better use of digital technology • Think of alternative means for people to access services who cannot use digital options
Elected Members	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the number of councillors
Lobbying	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to champion Fair Deal for Bury • Need to reduce Government austerity programme
Increased recycling	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling programme is excellent
Street lighting	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn off street lighting in parts of the Borough
Other comments	37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mixture of comments, including awareness of Council's statutory duties and impact of cuts on groups with protected characteristics • Queries raised about the implications and potential benefits to the Council of GM

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