

# Plan for Change

Additional Programme of Savings 2014/15

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# What is the Plan for Change?

- It's the means by which we can continue to deliver our vision for the Borough
- Recognition that the funding we receive from central government is reducing
- A realisation that residents' needs and expectations are changing
- Understanding that the Council and its partners will have to work differently in future
- Commitment to deliver best outcomes with resources available

# Revised financial savings for 2014/15

- The Plan for Change Programme approved by Council in February 2013 outlined savings of **£7.432m for 2014/15.**
- In the light of revised figures from Government, we must revise our savings forecast upwards by **an additional £2.2m.**
- How we propose to make these savings is set out below :

<b>Area for savings</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Internal Efficiencies	£ 2,145,000
Reduction in payments to external organisations	£75,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,220,000</b>

# Internal efficiencies:

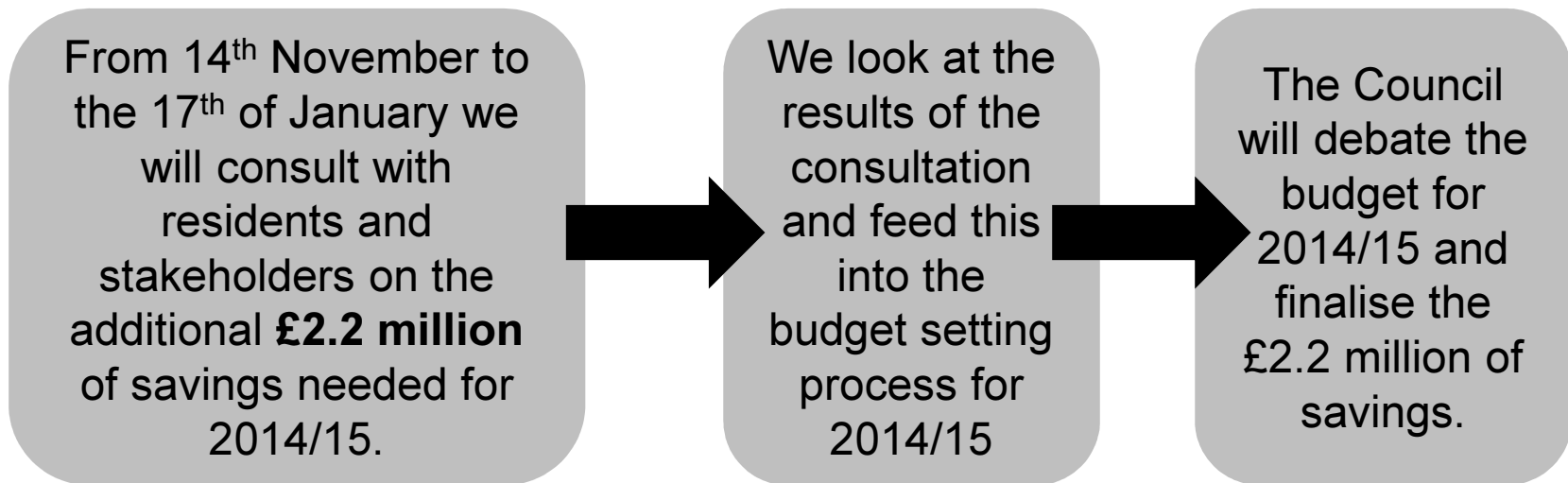
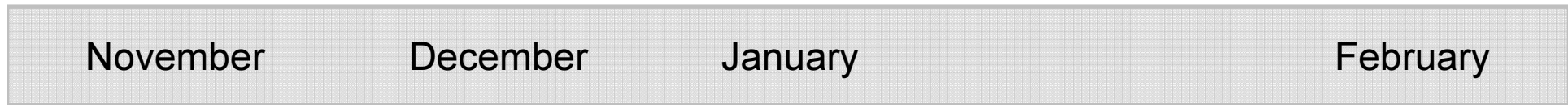
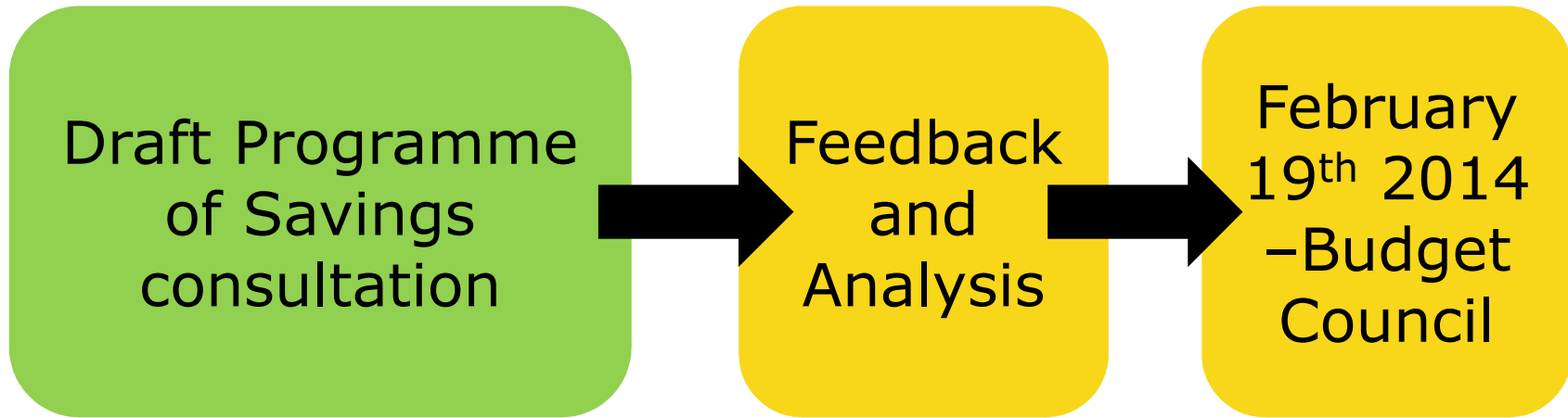


Contributes to savings target of **£2.145 million** for internal efficiencies

# Council Tax for 2014/15

- This year we had to **raise the Council Tax by 3.5%** to help with our budget problems.
- This **rise fully complied with the Government's rules** and was smaller than these rules allowed.
- We still don't know if the Government will punish us for this next year and whilst we have just had Government grant figures for next year it is too early to say what will happen with Council Tax.

# Next Steps:



**Further challenges ahead**

**2015 -16 & Beyond**

## Further challenges ahead – 2015-16

- **For 2015/16, £16 million will be cut from budgets.** Final details will only be confirmed after Christmas. **We cannot underestimate the size and scale of the challenge.** An extra £16 million means that we will have lost £54m (40%) of our controllable budget in 5 years.
- The Council will need to prioritise services covering its legal obligations and Plan for Change priorities; to look after the vulnerable, promote a strong local economy and make Bury a decent place to live.
- **We need to be planning for this now.** Cabinet Members and Directors have been asked to go away and look for options – and we will consult you on any proposals as soon as we can.



# Further challenges ahead – 2015-16

- **Whilst we want to minimise the impact on employees and residents**, we need to be honest and say major changes will have to happen. Less funding inevitably means less employees and services and all options are being considered, such as:
  - **Service Changes** – closures and/or a reduced range of services
  - Explore **alternative ways** of delivering services
  - **Increased waiting times** and/or reduced quality of service
  - Severe **limits to what the Council can afford** to do
  - Review how the **Council is structured.**

# Have your say.....

For more details of these savings you can read the **draft programme of savings** or the **information pack** available on the internet on the Plan for Change pages.

**You can contact the Plan for Change team and leave your comments by:**

- ➔ Viewing the proposals online and submitting feedback at [www.bury.gov.uk/planforchange](http://www.bury.gov.uk/planforchange)
- ➔ Emailing us at [planforchange@bury.gov.uk](mailto:planforchange@bury.gov.uk)
- ➔ Writing to us at: Plan for Change, Bury Council, Knowsley Street, Bury, BL9 OSW
- ➔ Call us on 0161 253 5696

Please ensure your comments and views reach us by  
**17<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**