

APPENDIX 5

The table below shows the total number of comments (152) split by the specific area of saving they relate to. In some areas comments received have a reoccurring theme if so these have been mentioned.

Proposed savings	Number of comments	Themes of comments
Reduction in Town centre buildings	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share buildings. • Offer reduced rents • Increase income rather than cutting buildings.
Reduction in repair & maintenance budget for buildings & land	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor/low /no maintenance in certain areas. • Review of inspection frequencies.
Savings on traffic management & signals	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce signage • Don't replace street furniture
Better use of specific grants to fund services across Adult care rather than relying on funding for Council Tax	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments were mainly questions asking for clarity around the funding
Better use of specific grants to fund services across Children's services rather than relying on funding for Council Tax	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment was to highlight that this approach has been successful in other Authorities
Carelink to become self financing from 1 st April 2014	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carelink is a valued service
Restructures and reorganizations across Council departments	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More shared services e.g. only one HR, one finance etc
Changes in mental health services	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal stories of what Big means to the people that use it and pleas not to change or close the service
Reduction in overtime & budgets	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 3 hours of overtime to be TOIL
Reduction in grounds maintenance standards	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at longevity solutions.
Reduction in grants to voluntary organisations	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments from various organizations urging the Council to re-think the proposed changes in grants
Reductions in training It and stationary budgets	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More in house training. • Look at how we purchase items and training.
Special leave	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce or remove special leave under some circumstances
Street lighting	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn off/reduce lighting in certain areas
Vulnerable adults	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that vulnerable people would feel the cuts the worst
Christmas lights	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn Christmas lights on later in December
Funding for Bury	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments mainly were questions

		<p>asking for clarity around funding given and why Bury felt it should get more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions also around if Council was confident it could save the money.
Cut staff	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce staff • Cuts have negative effect on staff morale
Administrative changes	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider making more admin charges e.g. section 80 building Act
Other comments	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mixture of comments
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