

From mountain to sea

## Your Council, Your Services

### Identifying Savings 2017/18

#### What savings have we identified?

Finding savings in services can be challenging. We need to ensure services remain high-quality and effective for our communities. As well as the council making changes to services, residents can also contribute to savings.

Below are some of the options under consideration, and may be the subject of further consultation before implementation.

#### Driving innovation in service delivery

##### £178,000 saving

per year, if we streamline our waste collection routes (and collect domestic, trade and recycling point waste in one route). This would be a 2% reduction in this budget.



##### £360,000 saving

if we replace grass in our open community spaces with wildflowers or trees. This would be a 6% reduction in this budget.



We could save money by investing in a new fleet of more efficient and environmentally friendly mobile libraries.

#### Reviewing the frequency of services



##### £15,000 saving

if we clean bus shelters every 8 weeks rather than every 4. This would be a 28% reduction in this budget.

##### £195,000 saving

if we reduced the frequency of verge cutting programmes. This would be a 39% reduction in this budget.



##### £300,000 saving

if we moved from planned maintenance of roads to reactive maintenance, as and when repairs are needed. This would be a 2% reduction in this budget.



##### £275,000 saving

in the longer term if we reduced the frequency of waste collections. This would be a 3.5% reduction in this budget.

#### Reviewing services and facilities



##### £300,000 saving

if we reduce grant support to Third Sector providers, such as charities and youth groups. This would be a 2% reduction in the overall spend.

##### £750,000 saving

by 2021 from a review of the school transport network. This would be a 4.5% reduction in this budget.



##### £40,000 saving

from the closure of school pools. This would be a 1% reduction in this budget.

##### £280,000 saving

by removing the discretionary TaxiCard provision (a discount offered to some people who cannot use conventional bus services). This would be a 6% reduction in this budget.

#### Have your say

We are asking residents across Aberdeenshire for their views on how we spend our budget. We want to hear from you on issues such as Council Tax, increasing efficiency, investing in our communities, as well as ways in how we can work smarter.

Your feedback is important to us in setting our budget for the future. Please take a couple of minutes to complete our survey below to **Have your say**.

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