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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

EX.280/02

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE SUPPORT BUDGET AREA (KEY DECISION)

Portfolio

Economic Prosperity

Subject Matter

The Head of Economic Development reported (EDU.16/02) on financial policy options for savings which have been requested from the Business Support and Enterprise element of the Economic Development Unit budget. She informed Members that the main components of this Budget were staffing within the Unit and the operation of the Carlisle Enterprise Centre and the Brampton Business and Telecentre, including overheads and recharges. A target of £25,000 has been set by the Executive for 2004/05, with £10,000 of this required to be found in 2003/04 if possible.

The report outlined work currently being undertaken in consultation with Property Services and the Internal Audit Section of City Treasurer's Department to consider options for savings to be made. She added that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting once those reports had been completed.

Summary of options rejected

None

DECISION

That the work being undertaken to identify efficiency savings in the Business and Enterprise Support budget be noted and the Head of Economic Development be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Executive once the reports from the Internal Audit Section and the Property Services Section have been received.

Reasons for Decision

In order that Members can be made aware of the work ongoing to identify savings in the Business and Enterprise Support budget.