

Decision Ref No:

EX.326/07

Subject Matter:

SAVING OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

(With the consent of the Chairman and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, this item had been included on the Agenda as a key decision although not in the Forward Plan)

The Director of Community Services submitted Report CS.99/07 informing Members of the implications of the savings options proposed for Arts, Brampton Live, Community Support Service review, Pub Watch and Shop Watch schemes. The Executive on 28 November 2007 (EX.310/07) had requested further details on savings proposals in relation to these areas.

The Director outlined the following savings proposals along with the implications of each:

(a) Arts - suggested savings of £15,000 in 2008/09, £32,000 in 2009/10, and £32,000 in 2010/11;

(b) Brampton Live - moving ownership to community based organisation was being proposed but would take up to twelve to eighteen months to achieve;

(c) Community Support Service review - the 2008/09 figure of £53,000 of savings would be realised as a result of the work currently under way as part of this review. Savings proposals of £153,000 for 2009/10 and 2010/11 would in part be as a result of this work and consideration would need to be given to funding and support currently provided to areas such as Community Centres and organisations in receipt of grants;

(d) Shop Watch/Pub Watch Schemes - discussions were ongoing with the CDRP with a range of options being pursued for 2008/09.

The Leader advised that he had received an updated copy of an on-line petition and a reasonable amount of correspondence, in support of the retention of Brampton Live. He stated that although Arts provision was being considered as a budget savings proposal, the 2008 Brampton Live event was not in jeopardy and arrangements should be continuing for the 2008 event. The Environment and Infrastructure portfolio holder suggested the need for an exit strategy in relation to Brampton Live.

Decision:

That the Executive notes the options for savings/income which would be taken into account when formulating its budget proposals for 2008/09.

**Key or Non-Key
Decision:**

Key

Key Decision Ref:

General Exception

Portfolio:

Cross cutting

Who made decision:

Executive

Date:

17-Dec-07

**Reports and Background Papers
considered:**

Report CS.99.07 by the Director of Community Services.

Reasons for Decision:

To identify and consider a range of options for savings and further reviews in response to the Council's budget forecast for 2008/09.

Summary of Options rejected: None

Interests declared None

Date published 19-Dec-07

Urgent decision not subject to call in No

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency: Not applicable

Deadline for call-in: 2 Jan 08 at 17:00

Implementation date if not called-in: 3 Jan 08

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Community Overview and Corporate Resources
Overview and Scrutiny

Call-in notified to and date notified:

Approved for implementation on: