

## 2017/18-2019/20 Budget Development – Savings Supporting Information

Directorate/Division	City Director / Finance		
Reference & Title	CS7 (CD19) Increase court costs		
Existing Budget	Cost Codes	61030/IC305	
	Net Budget	£1,000,000	
	FTE	N/a	
Service Context	Revenues and Benefits services administer payment benefits and collection of council tax, business rates and sundry debt.		
Benchmarking Info	N/A		
Unit Costs	£75 currently		
Future Demand	Assumed average number of cases taken to court is relatively similar to the current number of cases		
Saving		£'000s	FTE
	2017-18	330	-
	2018-19	440	-
	2019-20	440	-
Description of Option (and specifically how saving will be made)	Increase court costs for council tax and business rates summons and liability orders from £75 to £90 in 2017/18 and a further £5 to £95 from 2018/19 onwards.  This will still be less than other neighbouring authorities' charges, where courts costs are £100 and above		
Milestones	1. Consult on proposals 2. Amend systems to administer new charge 3. Collect additional charge.		
Options / Alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do nothing</li><li>Implement the proposed price increase</li></ul>		
Business Impact	This may mean more people do not get into arrears due to the increased charge, which would have a positive impact on the authority's outstanding debt.		
Saving Achievability Risk (Red/Amber/Green)		Amber	Business Impact Risk (Red/Amber/Green)
			Amber
Mitigation of Risk  (Where Red)	N/A		