

Option	About the service	Savings 22/23	Savings 23/24	FTE Staffing Effect	What this will mean:	Lead Officer	Lower Value Option	Higher Value Option
1	Reduce funding	£7,860	£7,860	0.00	The Council would still provide Christmas light displays in both towns, but switch-on events would cease.	A. Graham	£7,860	
2	Reduce funding	£11,500	£0	0.00	This option would replace the existing two Fireworks events with one single display which would alternate location between Clydebank and Dumbarton annually.	A. Graham	£11,500	
3	Reduce funding (Alternative to Options 1 and 2)	£36,000	£36,000	0.00	This option would see the Council continue to run the Scottish Pipe Band Championships and support the Loch Lomond Highland Games given the significant economic benefit generated for the local area from both events. All other events would cease and opportunities would be explored for local communities/businesses to run the fireworks displays and light switch on events.	A. Graham		£36,000
4	Sharing services	£28,000	£28,000	1.00	Following a successful six month trial, Council agreed in August to move the management of community planning services in West Dunbartonshire under Argyll and Bute Council and a saving can now be offered as a result.	A. Graham		
5	Reduce school crossing patrollers	£45,000	£45,000	2.60	This proposal would bring the service in-line with current national guidance by withdrawing patrols from locations where there are controlled pedestrian crossings in place. Best practice guidance states that school crossing patrollers should not be deployed at junctions where pedestrian crossings already exist because this duplication can be confusing for motorists. The Council has experienced difficulties recruiting for school crossing vacancies and the saving would be achieved through not filling vacant posts. We would continue to work with pupils and parents to promote road safety.	G. MacFarlane	£45,000	
6	Remove school crossing patrols (Alternative to Option 5)	£190,000	£190,000	9.43	West Dunbartonshire Council has provided crossing patrollers, though there is no statutory obligation to do so. There has been an increase in controlled pedestrian crossings in the area, and this proposal would remove provision of crossing patrollers achieving a saving of £190,000.	G. MacFarlane		£190,000
7	Rationalise service provision	£20,000	£20,000	1.00	The Council has seen a steady decline in membership numbers and use of its bowling green facilities over the past 10 years. Under this proposal, the single bowling green at Goldenhill would close and merge with Whitecrook Bowling Club which has two greens. A proposal to turn Goldenhill into a food growing site will be taken forward.	G. MacFarlane	£20,000	
8	Cease service provision (Alternative to Option 7)	£40,000	£40,000	1.50	As an alternative to Option 6, under this proposal, both Goldenhill and Whitecrook Bowling Clubs would close.	G. MacFarlane		£40,000

9	Reduce service provision	The Council operates two civic amenity sites at Dalmoak, Renton, and Ferry Road, Old Kilpatrick which are operational seven days a week for 11 hours each day during the summer season (April to September) and for nine hours each day during the winter season (October to March).	£23,000	£46,000	0.00	Civic amenity sites throughout West Dunbartonshire are currently open to the public seven days every week. Under this option, residents would be able to access the sites six days per week.	G. MacFarlane	£23,000	
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11	Reduce service provision (Alternative to Options 9 and 10)	The Council operates two civic amenity sites at Dalmoak, Renton, and Ferry Road, Old Kilpatrick which are operational seven days a week for 11 hours each day during the summer season (April to September) and for nine hours each day during the winter season (October to March).	£113,000	£113,000	2.00	Civic amenity sites throughout West Dunbartonshire are currently open to the public seven days every week. Under this option, residents would be able to access the sites six days per week, with opening times amended to 10am.	G. MacFarlane		£113,000
12	Reduce service provision	The Council currently offers a two-weekly bin collection service to residents.	£300,000	£500,000	3.00	Under this proposal, the service would move to a three-weekly cycle for collections. This is an approach already successfully undertaken by a number of other Scottish councils to increase recycling rates. This option is being considered as part of the Council's wider Waste Strategy.	G. MacFarlane		
13	Increase charges	The Council currently provides free garden maintenance to residents over the age of 65 or those under 65 if they are registered as disabled.	£80,000	£80,000	0.00	Under this proposal, all residents would pay the same fee for the service, which is currently £70 per year. This includes two hedge cuts and seven grass cuts throughout the year.	G. MacFarlane	£80,000	
14	Cease service provision (Alternative to Option 13)	The Care of Garden programme provides residents with two hedge cuts and seven grass cuts for the cost of £70 per year.	£429,000	£429,000	16.00	There is no statutory obligation to offer this service to residents and under this option, provision of this service would cease.	G. MacFarlane		£429,000
15	Introduce parking enforcement	In West Dunbartonshire, on-street parking enforcement is carried out by Police Scotland, who is the sole enforcement authority. The Council owns 30 off-street car parks throughout the area, all of which are currently free to use.	£100,000	£325,000	0.00	Under this option, parking enforcement would be decriminalised and the Council would apply to Transport Scotland for the right to enforce its own parking policies using parking attendants. Good parking management encourages turnover in on-street spaces and car parks and improves access to town centre amenities and businesses. Car parks are currently free to use with no enforced time restrictions. This option would align with the introduction of pavement parking enforcement which is being introduced in Autumn 2022 and is the responsibility of local authorities to enforce.	G. MacFarlane		

16	Reduce service provision	The Council currently operates 8 public toilet facilities including automated cubicles.	£30,000	£50,000	0.00	Following a review of these facilities, this option proposes reducing the number of public toilets by two. Toilets with adequate alternative facilities nearby would be selected to minimise impact. This would achieve a saving of £50,000.	G. MacFarlane		
17	Reduce service provision	In addition to the general street cleaning provision, the Council currently operates a daily street sweeping service in town centres throughout West Dunbartonshire.	£50,000	£50,000	2.00	This option would see a 10% reduction in the service, with sweeping being undertaken every second day. This provision fulfils the Council's statutory obligations.	G. MacFarlane	£50,000	
18		The street cleaning service is responsible for keeping roads clean and litter-free within the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act. The service also extends to public spaces such as parks, play areas, and beaches. This includes emptying litter bins, and routine and ad hoc sweeping. This service currently operates on a fortnightly basis.	£100,000	£100,000	4.00	Under this option, the service would move to monthly with a continued focus on high-use pedestrian areas. Residents would continue to be encouraged to Do the Right Thing and dispose of their litter in bins, with additional bins installed at key locations throughout the authority to minimise littering.	G. MacFarlane		£100,000
19	Reduce service provision	In addition to the street cleaning services outlined, the Council currently provides a litter collection and dog fouling removal service seven days per week.	£140,000	£140,000	6.00	This option would see the service operate Monday to Friday, with the spend on weekend working would be reduced. The Do the Right Thing campaign activity with the public will continue in order to change behaviours and reduce littering.	G. MacFarlane		
20	Remove service provision	The Council currently provides festive lighting in a number of communities across the area over the festive period.	£10,000	£10,000	0.00	Under this option, the Council would encourage and support local business and community organisations to establish fundraising for self-managed festive lighting displays for their area.	G. MacFarlane		
21	Reduce service provision	Currently ground maintenance including grass cutting in open spaces in undertaken on a three-weekly basis.	£182,000	£700,000	16.00	Under this proposal, ground maintenance will be reviewed to identify duplication and ensure the service is working efficiently. The number of biodiversity areas would be increased, helping the Council to reduce its carbon footprint as well as encourage a more diverse range of birds and insects. Grass cutting would be undertaken every four weeks in open spaces.	G. MacFarlane		
22	Increase charges	The Council currently charges £23.42 for a special waste uplift, which includes up to 10 items including bulky items.	£67,000	£67,000	0.00	This option would see charges for special uplifts increased to £35 from 1 April 2022, which is reflective of fees charged by other Councils. Householders will still be able to dispose of any bulky household waste free of charge by taking the item to the Council's household waste recycling centres.	G. MacFarlane		
23	Increase charges	Currently the Council provides commercial waste uplift at charities and places of worship free of charge.	£25,000	£25,000	0.00	Under this proposal, the current offer would be amended and the organisations would instead be eligible for a 50% discount on commercial waste uplifts	G. MacFarlane		
24	Increase charges	The Council currently uplifts food waste and garden waste together from resident's brown bin.	£127,000	£127,000	0.00	Under this proposal, residents would be provided with an additional bin for disposing of food waste and a small fee would be introduced for the collection of garden waste. This has been introduced successfully in a number of neighbouring local authorities	G. MacFarlane		

25	Increase charges	Currently, all new build developments are provided with recycling containers for each home free of charge.	£10,000	£10,000	0.00	Under this proposal, developers would pay a fee of £25 per recycling bin.	G. MacFarlane		
26	Rationalise service provision	Currently the Council runs from two depots, at Elm Road, Dumbarton and Richmond Street, Clydebank.	£70,000	TBC	3.00	Under this option, the Council will review depot provision with a view to rationalising and upgrading on a phased basis. The review will also look at whether there is duplication in order to optimise work processes and efficiency.	G. MacFarlane		
27	Increase charges	The Council operates 25 public Electric Vehicle Chargers across West Dunbartonshire. Currently the Council absorbs the cost of public usage.	£5,000	£12,000	0.00	Under this proposal, drivers would pay for electricity used. This is in line with the approach in a number of other local authorities. National guidance also states that costs should be passed to users to ensure fairness, and support funding of additional charge point rollout.	G. MacFarlane		
28	Pavement Parking Enforcement	Currently Police Scotland undertake all parking enforcement in West Dunbartonshire.	£15,000	£50,000	0.00	In 2022 new legislation around pavement parking is being introduced. Police Scotland will not enforce these regulations and local authorities will take responsibility for ensuring regulations are adhered to, including leading on parking enforcement.	G. MacFarlane		
29	Reduce teacher costs	Currently, schools in West Dunbartonshire receive additional funding to ensure staff numbers reflect the need for those in promoted posts to take time outside the classroom for leadership and management duties.	£100,000	£100,000	2.00	Under this option, core teaching staff required to deliver the curriculum would be maintained. Funding for additional staff would be reduced on a phased basis.	L. Mason		
30	Reduce school budgets	Each school in West Dunbartonshire receives an annual budget which they use to pay for services, supplies, resources and ancillary items.	£100,000	£100,000	0.00	Under this option, the area's 40 schools would continue to utilise about £900,000, with work continuing with head teachers to ensure their priorities are met.	L. Mason	£100,000	
31	Reduce schools budgets (Alternative to Option 30)	Each school in West Dunbartonshire receives an annual budget which they use to pay for services, supplies, resources and ancillary items.	£200,000	£200,000	0.00	Under this option, the area's 40 schools would continue to utilise about £800,000, with work continuing with head teachers to ensure their priorities are met.	L. Mason		£200,000
32	Reduce school budgets	Currently in West Dunbartonshire, £200,000 funding is allocated to activities and events which enhance and develop the curriculum.	£100,000	£100,000	0.00	Under this option, a budget of £100,000 would be maintained for curriculum development. An event showcasing pupil achievements would be held every two years instead of annually.	L. Mason		
33	Reduce service provision	Currently the Council provides free mainstream school transport to primary pupils who live more than one mile from school and secondary pupils who live more than two miles from school.	£30,000	£300,000	0.00	This option would see the school transport criteria amended to statutory level, bringing it into line with almost every other Scottish Council. Free mainstream school transport would be provided to primary pupils who live more than two miles from school and secondary pupils who live more than three miles from school, with remaining pupils encouraged to walk or cycle to school in line with the drive to improve health and wellbeing in the area.	L. Mason		

34	Reduce staffing costs	The Council currently provides an outreach support programme for vulnerable children and their families	£18,100	£18,100	0.50	Under this option, individual support to vulnerable families would be provided through work of Early Learning and Childcare Centres. Our outreach service will continue to support families at risk through parenting programmes, and by providing vital information regarding benefits; linking with health and social work when necessary.	L. Mason		
35	Reduce staffing costs	Learning Assistants are available to provide support to all Early Learning Centres in West Dunbartonshire.	£22,900	£22,900	0.78	Under this proposal, children at ELCCs will continue to be supported by a learning assistant. Learning assistants will continue to be allocated equitably across all of our 29 settings.	L. Mason		
36	Reduce Council Tax discounts	A Council Tax discount of up to 50% is currently available to all owners of second homes in the area.	£52,000	£52,000	0.00	Under this option, the reduction in Council Tax offered to second home owners in West Dunbartonshire would be withdrawn saving £52,000 per annum.	L. Slavin		
37	Reduce discretionary rates relief	All Councils can offer rates relief to charities with premises in their area, and can claim up to 75% of the cost back from the Scottish Government. At present the Council provides 25% discretionary rates relief for all charities operating premises in the area.	£0	£9,650	0.00	Under this proposal, the Council would no longer offer rates relief to national charities operating premises in the area saving the Council £9,650. This would allow the Council to focus resources in support of local charities. Council needs to provide 12 months notice to discontinue discretionary relief to allow rate payers to make provision for it. Therefore saving will not take effect until 2023/24.	L. Slavin		
38	Reduce discretionary rates relief	All Councils can offer rates relief to charities with premises in their area, and can claim up to 75% of the cost back from the Scottish Government. At present the Council provides 20% discretionary rates relief for all charities operating premises in the area.	£0	£7,900	0.00	This option would apply to local and/or national charities who occupy shops as opposed to an office unit. Council needs to provide 12 months notice to discontinue discretionary relief to allow rate payers to make provision for it. Therefore saving will not take effect until 2023/24.	L. Slavin		
39	Reduce discretionary rates relief (Alternative to Options 37 and 38)	All Councils can offer rates relief to charities with premises in their area, and can claim up to 75% of the cost back from the Scottish Government. At present the Council provides 20% discretionary rates relief for all charities operating premises in the area.	£0	£47,000	0.00	This option would withdraw discretionary rates relief provided to all local and national charities which have premises in the Council area with the exception of West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust, saving the Council £47,000. Council needs to provide 12 months notice to discontinue discretionary relief to allow rate payers to make provision for it. Therefore saving will not take effect until 2023/24.	L. Slavin		
40	Reduce grants	Currently, the Council offers an annual Elderly Welfare Grant which all residents aged 66 and over can apply for.	£110,000	£110,000	0.00	Under this proposal, residents would still have access to a range of financial supports locally and nationally. Due to the significant resource challenges this payment presents, this grant would be removed at a saving of £110,000.	L. Slavin		

41	Dumbarton Common Good	The Council charges a management fee of £25k per annum to the Dumbarton Common Good for services provide by Council officers for administration and estates department services.	£10,000	£10,000	0.00	Under this proposal the fee to the Dumbarton Common Good would increase by £10,000 per annum. This would be the first material increase to the management fee since 2006 despite increasing staff costs and inflation.	L. Slavin		
42	Clydebank Property Company	The Council charges an administration fee of £35k per annum to the Clydebank Property Company for services provide by Council officers for administration services.	£25,000	£25,000	0.00	Under this proposal the administration fee to the Clydebank Property Company would increase by £25,000 per annum. This would be the first material increase to the management fee since 2006 despite increasing staff costs and inflation.	L. Slavin		
43	Reduce funding	The Community Budgeting scheme seeks to empower local communities to make lasting improvements in their area and to support the development of individual and collective resilience. Currently £60,000 of revenue funding is available which community groups and projects can apply for.	£6,000	£6,000	0.00	Under this proposal, a fund of £54,000 would be maintained to support community groups and projects in the next phase of community budgeting.	P. Barry		
44	Reduce service provision	The Council has supported 316 young people between the ages of 17 and 24 with free driving lessons through our Support to Drive scheme, which launched in 2014.	£48,000	£48,000	0.00	The Council's Working4U service provides a range of assistance to residents of all ages to support them into employment. Under this proposal, the provision of the driving scheme would end, however, residents would continue to access support and practical help through the Working4U service and Job Centre Plus.	P. Barry		
45	Reduce funding	Currently the Council provides £1.063m funding to a range of partners and bodies providing services in West Dunbartonshire.	£336,136	£336,136	0.00	Like all Councils, West Dunbartonshire is facing financial challenges and historically partner organisations have been protected from the savings Council services have faced. Under this proposal, the Council would continue to fund strategic partners and other bodies however would apply a saving of 31.63% to the monies provided to reflect the current financial position.	P. Barry and L.Slavin		
46	Reduce grants	The Council distributed local grants totalling £110,000 to businesses in 2021/22. This included start up and growth funding. (excludes SG COVID grants)	£10,000	£10,000	0.00	Under this proposal, annual grant funding of £100,000 would be maintained to support local businesses and start ups and assist business growth in the area.	P. Hessett		
47	Reduce service provision	Currently the council operates two registration offices, one based within the Clydebank Town Centre Office and one based within Dumbarton's Municipal Buildings.	£27,786	£28,341	1.00	The Clydebank registration office has been closed due to Covid-19 since March 2020. During this time, residents have been using the Registration Office in Dumbarton and this arrangement has been operating successfully. Under this option, the Clydebank Registration Office would close permanently.	P. Hessett		
			£3,528,282	£4,809,887	73.81			£415,360	£1,108,000

Total Taking Higher Value Options **£3,112,922** **£4,394,527**
Total Taking Lower Value Options **£2,420,282** **£3,701,887**