

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services
Council - 31 August 2011

Subject : Spend to Save Bids

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the spend to save project bids received from departments, which are recommended by the Corporate Management Team to be funded through the remaining additional supporting people funds received in 2010/11.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 30 March 2011, the Council noted that an additional £0.965m was to be received from the Scottish Government and agreed to allocate £0.490m of this funding. The remaining balance of £0.475m was to be used to fund spend to save projects.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 29 June 2011, Council agreed to commit funds from the Modernisation Fund on a spend to save project which had been identified at that time (the Energy Wind Turbine project).

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Departments were then asked to identify further spend to save bids, which could potentially be funded from the remaining balance of the Supporting People funding. Appendix 1 lists those projects, totalling investment of £0.141m.
- 3.2 The projects listed have relatively short pay back periods, resulting in net savings being achieved in all projects of 5 years or less.
- 3.3 If all projects within appendix 1 were to be approved, there would be £0.334m remaining unspent in this fund. This balance could be held for future spend to save projects identified, or used together with income securitisation funding on agreed projects.

4. People Implications

- 4.1 Any staffing implications linked with any spend to save projects which are approved would be addressed through the Council's Change Management Policy.

5 Financial implications

- 5.1 The estimated costs of any projects approved would be funded from the remaining balance on the additional supporting people money received in 2010/11. Savings achieved would depend upon the projects chosen for implementation and the implementation date.

- 5.2 If all recommended projects were to be approved, there would remain £0.334m available for future spend to save projects.
- 5.3 The total gross savings expected to be generated from the bids noted are:

	£000
Year 1	25
Year 2	40
Year 3	46
Year 4	46
Year 5	<u>46</u>
Total	<u>203</u>

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1 Any costs associated with the projects are only estimates. Final expenditure may not match the estimate exactly. However, at this stage, it is not anticipated that costs will exceed estimates by any material amounts.

7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 7.1 Any projects approved by the Council to be taken forward would be subject to a detailed individual EIA.

8. Strategic Assessment

- 8.1 The appendix identifies, in summary, strategic priorities addressed by the individual spend to save bids.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 9.1 The Council has £0.475m available for spend to save projects.
- 9.2 Council is asked to agree the recommended bids noted within appendix 1, totalling £0.141m.
- 9.3 Council is asked to agree that the remaining balance for this fund should be held for future spend to save projects.

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Appendix: Spend to Save bids

Background papers: Council Minute: 30 March 2011
Council minute: 29 June 2011

Wards affected: All