PROPOSAL FOR SAVINGS – 2006 / 2007 BUDGET

Ref: SS7

Title:

Cease In House Provision of Pest Control Service

Description of Proposal:

We currently provide the Pest Control Service via two operatives. During the winter period in particular, the level of service required is quite low – figures provided show an average of 1.2 jobs per operative per day. There is some additional work – mainly the baiting of sewers on behalf of North West Water.

Reducing the number of staff would cause problems in ensuring continual service delivery.

An alternative method of delivery would be to work in partnership with Rochdale MBC and Bury MBC. They would provide a pest control service on certain days of the week, but the customer contact point would continue to be RBC.

Impact on Corporate Priorities for Improvement:

The proposals would result in financial savings.

Service delivery would be improved via effective partnering arrangements with neighbouring authorities who would be able to provide a better trained and more appropriate service.

Outcome / Output which will not be delivered:

Service will be the same – the public would still contact RBC, but the delivery would be via Rochdale/Bury. There may be some restrictions in that the service would only be delivered on certain days of the week, but any agreement would ensure provision for an appropriate response when dealing with urgent problems.

Timescale for implementation:

From April 2006

Risks to delivering Outcomes:

Delivery of non essential services would be limited to certain days of the week.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

(Note all figures must be validated by accounts and will be to the nearest £10.00)

	First Year £	Full Year £	S FTE
Expenditure			
Staffing	45800	45800	2
Redundancy Costs			
Other Costs	11800	11800	
SLA with Rochdale/Bury	-40000	-40000	
Income (stays with RBC)			
Net Budgeting Impact	17600	17600	2

Key Assumptions in Costing:

Cost of SLA subject to confirmation – it is hoped that the final figure agreed might be below the £40,000 shown.