



Cheshire West
and Chester

Let's Talk



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What's this all about?



The Council is making plans for the next four years.



We will have less money to spend but we have more people that need some support.



The cuts to the money that we get from the Government mean that we will have £47 million less over the next 4 years.



This document explains what might be in our plans.



We want to know what you think before we make our final plans.



Please read through this document and then let us know what you think in one of the ways that we explain on page 10.

Our Vision



By 2020 we want Cheshire West and Chester to be a place where all residents, our communities and our business can do well.

Our priorities



We have these 10 priorities:-

- All of our families, children and young people are supported to get the best start in life
- Vulnerable adults and children feel safe and are protected
- Care services should work well together and support people to be more independent





- We want the cleanest and safest neighbourhoods in the country



- Good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of all our different communities



- Active and healthy communities of people



- People are well educated and earn a decent living



- A great place to do business



- Easy for everyone to get about



- We are careful with our money and spend it in the way that local people want

How we will work differently?



Because we have to do more with less work we need to find new ways of working. These are some of our ideas for doing more for less.



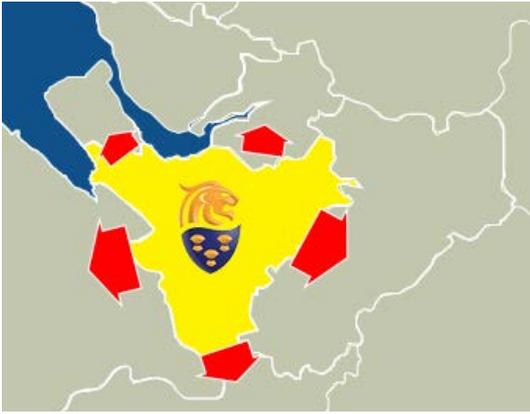
1. Sharing the cost of finding foster carers. By merging this work with another local council we could save up to £200,000



2. Supporting residents to move back home after being in hospital rather than going into an expensive care home. We think we could save nearly half a million pounds in this way.



3. Charging for some of the work we do. If we charged local businesses when we helped and supported them around trading standards and environmental health issues, we could raise £300,000



4. We could merge some of our administration work with other local councils. If we merged services like Finance, Legal and Human Resources we could save around £6.8 million.



5. We could get better deals when we get companies to work for us. We think we could save around £1 million by getting a better deal around dealing with waste.

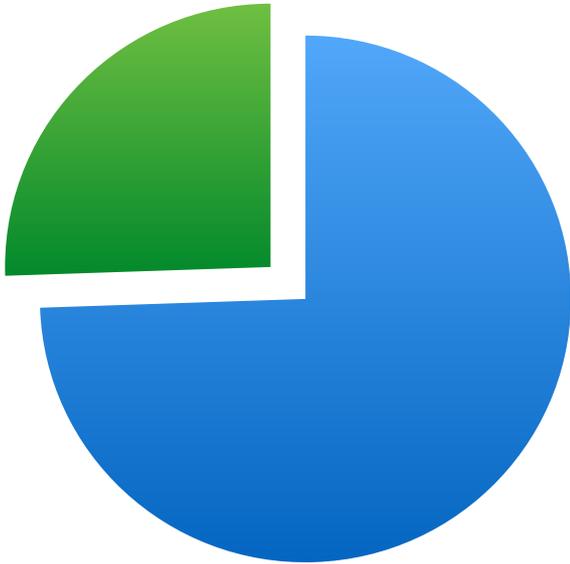


6. The Council will also have to make reductions in staff to save money over the next four years



7. However we want to keep the help that we are giving to low income groups around their Council Tax Bill. This will cost around £1.5million.

Saving the rest



So far we think we have found a way to save £35 million. That means that we have £12 million still to find.



There are many different ways that we could find this money but we want to know what you think.

How you can get involved

Please tell us what you think before
6th January 2016:-



- Complete the **quick questionnaire** attached to this document
- Complete the **full questionnaire** www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/letstalk
- **Write to us at:** Let's Talk, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Council Offices, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE
- **Email:** letstalk@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- **Phone:** 0300 123 8 123
- Come to one of our public consultation meetings
- Contact us through Facebook or Twitter