

Service costs

Here are a few examples of costs to the County Council of some of the wide range of services it provides some of which must be provided by law. The services, plus examples of projects mentioned, are being reviewed by Council staff to see if any reductions in current programmed costs are possible. Where services are provided as a legal duty appropriate mitigation will be factored in.

Overall service budget

Up to £500,000

Review school crossing patrol funding




£135,000

Increase planning advice charges



£200,000

Reduce outdoor activity – such as parks and educational activities (including Beaumanor)



£300,000

£500,000 to £2m

Reduce grants – including Shire Grants




£600,000

Bring in on street parking charges



£1,000,000

Reduce access to day centres and respite for adult social care



£1,500,000

Reduce support for business – through trading standards and planning



£2,000,000

£2m to £5m

Review gritting routes



£2,000,000

Only run commercial bus services



£2,100,000

Reduce public health support – such as stopping smoking and improving lifestyle programmes



£2,600,000 (10% of Grant)

Cut services to ensure safety only such as grass cutting and street lighting



£4,000,000

Emergency road repairs only



£4,000,000

£5m to £10m

Reduce library and heritage services



£5,000,000

Reduce access points for waste sites, customer service and registrars - and greater use of web access



£6,000,000

Reduce preventative interventions, including closing buildings



£8,900,000

Over £10m

Support packages for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Social Care – ensure services delivered meet the required levels of assessed need/eligibility



£30,000,000

One-off capital projects

Sale of Beaumanor Hall



£5,000,000

Review creation of new social care accommodation



£10,000,000

Delay new Record Office and Collections Hub – and target greater savings delivery



£20,000,000

Stop planned highway schemes - such as Melton Distributor Road and A511



£50,000,000+

These examples are not proposals. Any definite proposals arising from this review will need to be agreed by the Council's Cabinet, subject to input from Scrutiny and appropriate consultation, before the Council's spending plans for 2023/24 and beyond are considered at the February 2023 County Council meeting.