

Portfolio: Economy, Regeneration and Housing

Strategic Intent

Our continued investment in regeneration is critical in providing confidence for partners and external investors, particularly in unlocking and bringing forward investment across public and private sectors. Key to this is the Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) and the ongoing redevelopment of Stockport Town Centre. This will transform the town centre into a vibrant, attractive, and inclusive destination that offers a range of amenities, services, and experiences for our residents and visitors. Through our economic plan we will boost the local economy, reduce unemployment, and increase skills and opportunities for our residents. Our St Thomas' Academy of Living Well, will provide support for people transitioning between hospital and home, enhancing the quality of life, wellbeing, and choice of our residents. We will continue to work with partners to unlock sites for new homes, work with registered providers to provide a high quality housing offer, particularly for those in need, and continue to work with owners to bring long-term empty homes back into use.

Portfolio: Climate Change & Environment

Strategic Intent

Demonstrating our commitment, responsibility, and accountability for addressing the climate emergency, climate action is embedded within everything we do, underpinned by the 2030 operationally net zero target for the council. We will focus on improving energy efficiency and uptake of renewable energy sources across the council's estate and the borough more widely. This will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, energy costs, and dependence on fossil fuels. We will utilise the council's civic leadership role to influence residents and businesses to act on climate change in order to help meet the 2038 carbon neutrality target for the borough. This will raise awareness, engagement, and action among our stakeholders and partners, as well as showcase best practices and innovations.

The first table describes savings for 2024/25. The second table describes savings to reduce our use of contingency funding being used to offset current pressures.

CP priority	MTFP driver	Directorate and Service area	Proposal summary	Saving 24/25 (£000)	Lead Portfolio
Efficient and Effective Services	Robust Corporate Governance	CSS/ Planning	Planning and Building Control – increased fees and charges	60	Economy, Regeneration & Housing
			Total MTFP Savings	60	

The following are recovery proposals against existing pressures and therefore not included in the 2024/25 savings.

CP priority	MTFP driver	Directorate and Service area	Proposal summary	Saving 24/25 (£000)	Lead Portfolio
Efficient and Effective Services	Robust Corporate Governance	Place	Service redesign and service alignment Maximising opportunities for sharing services with SMBC and TLC particularly in developing a core corporate and support service and reviewing neighbourhoods and strategic infrastructure.	100	Climate Change and Environment
			Project Evergreen Efficiencies through optimisation of routes.	160	
			Waste Review Review waste service in line with other authorities across GM to maintain Stockport's pre-eminent recycling in the most efficient and cost effective way. Reviewing the provision of caddy liners to households.	630	
			Total Savings	890	

Project	Planning and Building Control – Increased fees and charges (£0.060m)
Lead portfolio	Economy, Regeneration and Housing
Council Plan Priority	Efficient and Effective Services
Senior responsible officer	Michael Cullen
MTFP Lens	Robust Corporate Governance
Service	Planning and Building Control
Proposal summary	Planning and Building Control - increased fees and charges Implement an increase in nationally set Planning fees expected from April 24 as well as an increase in locally set pre-application charges.
How will the saving be achieved 24/25	Savings will be achieved as a result of an increase in nationally set Planning fees expected from April 24 as well as an increase in locally set pre-application charges.
Any benchmarking information available to compare Stockport with comparable authorities	Increased pre-application charges will be benchmarked across others in GM to ensure market comparison. Charges are low in comparison to some, particularly on larger scale proposals.
Workforce impact. Outline any changes to the workforce as a result of this proposal	There will be no changes to staffing as a result of this proposal.
Outline any risks or changes to service delivery and impact this proposal may have on service users	The service is undergoing transformation and this will deliver improvement to the service offered to residents and customers of the service. The charges to residents using the Planning Service will increase, this will largely stem from national fee income increases.
Delivering the change	If approved, proposals will be implemented from April 2024.

Project	Planning and Building Control – Increased fees and charges (£0.060m)
List key milestones and delivery dates (where known)	
Will reserves/ double running be needed in order to deliver this proposal?	No.
Is public consultation needed?	It is not anticipated that a public consultation will be required.
Is a separate EqIA (Equalities impact assessment) needed?	An EqIA will be appropriate and undertaken where proposals have an impact on service delivery.
Is a separate EIA (Environmental impact assessment) needed?	No EIA is required.

Project	TLC (£0.100m) This is a recovery against current pressures. The proposal is therefore not included in overall figures for 24/25 MTFP savings.
Lead portfolio	Climate Change and Environment
Council Plan Priority	Effective and Efficient Services
Senior responsible officer	Mark Glynn
MTFP Lens	Robust Corporate Governance
Service	Place

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Proposal summary	Service redesign and service alignment Maximising opportunities for sharing services with SMBC and TLC particularly in developing a core corporate and support service and reviewing neighbourhoods and strategic infrastructure.
How will the saving be achieved 24/25	Needs to be fully scoped out and requires a joined-up approach to service delivery working closely with partners in order to achieve the savings.
Any benchmarking information available to compare Stockport with comparable authorities	No.
Workforce impact. Outline any changes to the workforce as a result of this proposal	There may be a reduction in staffing but this will be scoped as part of this proposal.
Outline any internal / organisational impact of the proposal	To be fully scoped through this project but minimal impact is expected as this project is to establish efficiencies in the way to do things.
Outline any risks or changes to service delivery and impact this proposal may have on service users	These will be developed through the project.
Delivering the change List key milestones and delivery dates (where known)	These will be developed through the project.
Will reserves/ double running be needed in order	No.

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Is a separate EqIA (Equalities impact assessment) needed?	An EqIA will be appropriate and undertaken where proposals have an impact on service delivery.
Is a separate EIA (Environmental impact assessment) needed?	No EIA is required.

Project	Project Evergreen (£0.160m) This is a recovery against current pressures. The proposal is therefore not included in overall figures for 24/25 MTFP savings.
Lead portfolio	Climate Change and Environment
Council Plan Priority	Effective and Efficient Services
Senior responsible officer	Mark Glynn
MTFP Lens	Robust Corporate Governance
Service	Place
Proposal summary	Project EverGreen Efficiencies through optimisation of routes.
How will the saving be achieved 24/25	Optimisation of waste collection regime resulting in reduced cost.

Any benchmarking information available to compare Stockport with comparable authorities	N/A.
Workforce impact. Outline any changes to the workforce as a result of this proposal	None foreseen at this stage but will be fully scoped as part of this proposal.
Outline any internal / organisational impact of the proposal	To be scoped as part of the project development.
Outline any risks or changes to service delivery and impact this proposal may have on service users	To be scoped as part of the project development.
Delivering the change List key milestones and delivery dates (where known)	To be scoped as part of the project development.
Will reserves/ double running be needed in order to deliver this proposal?	No.
Is public consultation needed?	Consultation and engagement will take place where any changes have a significant impact on the delivery of a statutory service.
Is a separate EqIA (Equalities impact assessment) needed?	Yes, EqIA will be appropriate and undertaken where proposals have an impact on service delivery.
Is a separate EIA (Environmental impact assessment) needed?	EIA is required at this stage.

Project	Waste Review (£0.630m) This is a recovery against current pressures. The proposal is therefore not included in overall figures for 24/25 MTFP savings.
Lead portfolio	Climate Change and Environment
Council Plan Priority	Effective and Efficient Services
Senior responsible officer	Mark Glynn
MTFP Lens	Robust Corporate Governance
Service	Place
Proposal summary	<p>Waste review</p> <p>Review waste service in line with other authorities across GM to maintain Stockport's pre-eminent recycling in the most efficient and cost effective way.</p> <p>Reviewing the provision of caddy liners to households.</p>
How will the saving be achieved 24/25	Introducing more efficient collection systems / reduced provision of caddy liners.
Any benchmarking information available to compare Stockport with comparable authorities	<p>The Waste and Resource Strategy</p> <p>In December 2018, DEFRA published “Our Waste, Our Resources: A Strategy for England” this presented the government’s long-term approach to preserve our stock of natural capital, minimise waste, promote resource efficiency and move towards a circular economy.</p> <p>This remains subject to consultation the outcome of which Defra will announce shortly. Legislation is expected to be in force by October 2025 in which the indications are that prescribed collection regimes will be imposed – there may be a reputational or financial risk if any changes would need to be changed again in October 2025.</p>
Workforce impact. Outline any changes to the	Any changes to services will need to be developed with TLC.

workforce as a result of this proposal	
Outline any internal / organisational impact of the proposal	To be scoped as part of the project development.
Outline any risks or changes to service delivery and impact this proposal may have on service users	To be fully scoped as part of the project development. National waste strategy is expected to prescribe specific collection requirements although there is some uncertainty following the Prime Minister's recent comments.
Delivering the change List key milestones and delivery dates (where known)	To be scoped as part of the project development.
Will reserves/ double running be needed in order to deliver this proposal?	No.
Is public consultation needed?	Consultation and engagement will take place where any changes have a significant impact on the delivery of a statutory service.
Is a separate EqIA (Equalities impact assessment) needed?	An EqIA will be appropriate and undertaken where proposals have an impact on service delivery.
Is a separate EIA (Environmental impact assessment) needed?	Where required an EIA will be undertaken as part of this review.