

**Appendix 2b
Shaping the Council 2015-16 and beyond
Preliminary Savings Proposal**

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Savings Proposal		
Reduce public transport subsidies (bus)		
Strategic rationale		
Thurrock currently funds none-commercial transport services within the Borough at a cost of £500K per annum. This subsidy is intended to preserve minimum standards of access, particularly from rural areas, into the core network.		
Approximate Cost Savings		
£250K		
Timescales		
Activity	Timescale	
Develop detailed options for Service Reduction	3 months	
Consult on Service Reduction Options	3 months	
Develop and agree definitive proposals	3 months	
Implement proposals:		
- notice period to operators	56 days	
- information to public	3 months	
Risks /Consequences		
The initiative will reduce connectivity for service users and potentially increase social exclusion.		
Mitigation		
Careful planning and consultation will minimise adverse impacts		
Next steps – Service ownership and Board Scrutiny & Challenge		
Step	Service	Board Scrutiny & Challenge
Commission detailed Options Paper for service reduction and associated consultation materials.	Transportation & Highways	