



# The Council Transformation and Savings Programme

Now in their ninth year of national austerity measures, all local authorities are continuing to experience new levels of constraints on spending, alongside increasing demand for some of their services. To balance the books local authorities must continue to review what they do and how they do it.

South Gloucestershire Council has a successful track record of delivering more than £81m savings up to 2018/19. Through early planning and carrying out a range of efficiency measures, the council has protected frontline services and minimised the impact of spending reductions. Given the learning and experience the council has gained over many years, the council intends to follow the same procedures for additional savings required over the next few years.

To reduce the continually increasing gap between our available resources and our expenditure, we need to make further reductions in spending. We have identified a provisional savings target of £21.7m by 2021/22 with an additional £10m of savings potentially required in 2022/23.

Savings of this level would involve continued changes to our role and the services we provide. We are becoming a smaller council, and we continue to review our priorities to make sure our more limited resources are focused on our 'core' activities

---

## The next year

---

Meeting our proposed plan of continued savings would require finding potential savings of £8.3m in 2019/20.

Q2 Looking at the information in the consultation document, how do you feel about the proposed amount of savings by department?

	Far too little	Slightly too little	About right	Slightly too much	Far too much	Don't know
Children, Adults & Health (£4.5m or 3.6% of department budget)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Environment & Community Services (£1.7m or 3.9% of department budget)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Chief Executive & Corporate Resources and Central Items (£2.0m or 4.5% of department budget)	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q3 If you have any comments on the proposed savings by department please let us know:

---

## The next 5 -10 years

---

Q4 For the last eight years, the council has been using a combination of the following ways to make services more affordable. How strongly do you agree or disagree with continuing to use each approach for the next few years?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree or disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Targeting resources on the most vulnerable and people most in need	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing the quality of some services provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing fees and charges for some services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making more services available online	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using digital technology more widely to support the delivery of services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making more efficient use of council assets such as land and buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scaling back or stop providing some services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stopping provision of some discretionary services to protect services to older people and the vulnerable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing working practices to make better use of technology and more efficient ways of working	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working in partnership and sharing services with other councils and public sector agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transferring services to other organisations like commercial companies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transferring services to other organisations like community groups, social enterprises and town and parish councils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encouraging more people to volunteer their time to become involved in the delivery of services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5 To help us plan for the future, please tell us what impact - if any - the council's reduction in spending over the last seven years has had on your organisation or the services you receive? Please be as specific as possible.

Q6 Which of the following areas would you choose as the three highest priorities for investment in the next 10 years?

	Highest Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority
Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining safe, strong and clean communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing inequality and deprivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding vulnerable children and adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meeting assessed social care needs for children and adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developing infrastructure (e.g. roads, rail, broadband)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q7 Please use this space to make any other comments or suggestions about how the council invests and saves money:

## What do you think of your local area and the council?

Throughout this survey we ask you to think about “your local area”. When answering, please consider your local area to be the area within 15 to 20 minutes walking distance from where your organisation is based

Q8 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way South Gloucestershire Council runs things?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

Q9 To what extent do you agree or disagree that South Gloucestershire Council provides services which are value for money?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Q10 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about South Gloucestershire Council

	Strongly trust	Somewhat trust	Neither trust nor distrust	Somewhat distrust	Strongly distrust
The council keeps my organisation informed about the services it provides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The council keeps my organisation informed about any proposals for change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My organisations can influence decisions affecting my local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q11 To what extent do you think South Gloucestershire Council acts on the concerns of local organisations?

- A great deal
- A fair amount
- Not very much
- Not at all
- Don't know

Q12 Are you responding...?

- On behalf of a local business
- As a voluntary, community sector organisation
- As parish or town council
- Other

If 'other' please specify or if you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us its name.

Q13 Please tell us the full postcode of your organisation i.e. BS\* \*\*\*

**Thank you for taking the time to tell us your views.**

Please return your completed survey by **14th December 2018** by posting it to: Freepost Plus RTXL-YHGY-GSYS, South Gloucestershire Council, Corporate Research & Consultation Team, Council offices, Badminton Road, Yate, BRISTOL, BS37 5AF

*By submitting your response, you agree to any personal information that you have supplied will be held by South Gloucestershire Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act. This information will only be used as part of this exercise and personal information will not be published or passed onto any other organisation.*