

**SAVING PROPOSALS
BUDGET 2012/13 – 2014/15**

**Item Ref. No:
AHWB 2 (2012)**

TITLE OF SAVINGS OPTION:		Mental Health Supported Accommodation			
DIRECTORATE:		Adults Health & Wellbeing			
SERVICE AREA:		Comm. & Strategy	LEAD OFFICER:		Deborah Cohen
FINANCE CONTACT:		Paul Thorogood			
	Current Budget	Saving £000s (Incremental)			
£'000	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total Savings
Employees (FTE)					
Employees					
Others	6,379		200	600	800
Income					
TOTAL SAVINGS	6,379		200	600	800
Revenue/Capital Costs: Are there any revenue or capital costs associated with this proposal? N – Please complete the table and also provide reference no. of corresponding bid):					
		Costs (Incremental)			
	Ref No.	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16+
Revenue Expenditure					
Capital Expenditure					
Total					
Nature of expenditure:					
1.	Outline/ details of savings proposal, including indications of stage of development, and work and timescales needed to finalise proposal:				
<p>It is regarded as good practice to review the accommodation provided for mental health service users. Tower Hamlets has an established team of health and social care staff who are reviewing all existing accommodation that supports mental health service users.</p> <p>The Mental Health Accommodation Strategy, considered and approved by Cabinet on 6/8/11, outlines a number of commissioning intentions aimed at improving both quality and value for money through commissioning a greater range of supported accommodation options in-borough to support a shift from out of borough residential care to in-borough supported accommodation. This approach is in line with other Boroughs and is considered good practice in mental health services.</p>					

In this project, all existing service users are re-assessed to identify the most appropriate accommodation support for them. After this assessment, support may remain the same or may change. The saving is the outcome of all of these changes. This target extends the existing £1 m saving agreed in February 2011.

The Accommodation Strategy includes a finance and activity model that estimates that through implementation of the Strategy in the region of £2m recurrent cash-savings against the 2009/10 baseline could be released by 2015/16. This is a notional figure derived from an activity model that is dependent on a number of assumptions and it is subject to changes in demand and particularly clinical practice. There is a relative degree of confidence across the Partnership that the current savings target of £1m by 2014/15 is deliverable, but any consideration of additional savings target in excess of £1m should be treated cautiously due to the risk to its deliverability.

Any potential for additional savings in excess of the currently committed £1m by 2014/15 would be managed as part of the already established plans for implementation of the Accommodation Strategy, so there is no need for any additional processes/work.

2. Service implications of saving:

As above.

3. Actions required to achieve saving:

Any potential for additional savings in excess of the currently committed £1m by 2014/15 would be managed as part of the already established plans for implementation of the Accommodation Strategy, so there is no need for any additional processes/work. However any potential for additional savings would only be estimations as the Strategy implementation progresses.

4. Potential implications for staff, contractors, partners, assets and other Directorates:

Please indicate financial impact on other directorates (show cost increases as +ve and decreases as -ve)

Directorate	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
Chief Executive's				
Children, Schools and Families				
Schools (DSG Funded)				
Communities, Localities and Culture				
Development and Renewal				
Housing Revenue Account				
Resources				
TOTAL				

Notes

As above.

5. Other risk factors which could prevent this saving being achieved following implementation

There is a degree of risk associated with the deliverability of any additional savings in excess of the current commitment of £1m as part of the Accommodation Strategy as noted above. However it may well be that there will be emergent savings as implementation progresses.

6.

Efficiency/ value for money - how will this proposal contribute towards greater efficiency/ better value for money and how will the efficiency improvement be measured?

As per the Mental Health Accommodation Strategy.