

Kirklees Council Budget Template for 2017/18

Directorate	Place
Service Area	Housing Revenue Account
Headline Proposal	Grants to Communities Who Can (CWC)
Reference	NEW HRA 6

Forecast Savings	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000
Incremental Savings	(135)	(135)		
Cumulative Savings	(135)	(270)	(270)	(270)
Budget after Savings (Controllable Budget)	135	0	0	0
FTE Reduction				

Description of Savings Proposal (Including interdependencies and risk)
<p>Traditionally the HRA has provided funding to support CWC (Kirklees Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations), an umbrella organisation to develop and support the network of Tenants and Residents Associations (TRA) operating across Kirklees council housing estates. CWC works with around 80 to 90 groups in Kirklees helping them to achieve more for their communities. They aim to build happy healthy estates by uniting communities and developing volunteers and want to preserve social affordable rented housing. They work with partners to meet community and council priorities.</p> <p>The HRA also supports individual TRA with support grants, insurance cover and expenses for volunteers.</p> <p>In addition Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing (KNH) has been commissioned to provide a community engagement service and has run community engagement initiatives and programmes on council housing estates across Kirklees.</p> <p>It is proposed that funding for CWC be provided for a 6 month period during 2017/18 and that the organisation then uses its reserves and or seeks additional external funding to continue its operations pending the outcome of a comprehensive partnership wide review of tenant and resident involvement and empowerment during 2017/18.</p>

Potential impact on service outcomes and any mitigating actions proposed. This should take into account, where applicable, relevant strategic, service plan or community planning outcomes	
<p>The Council commissions KNH as the landlords agents to act on its behalf to deliver services in our communities to our tenants. KNH are being commissioned during 2017/18 to undertake a comprehensive partnership wide review of tenant involvement and empowerment and to develop and make recommendations regarding a new modern and innovative model which reflects best practice within a reduced financial envelope and links to the Council's review of community involvement and engagement. The aim being to develop a new and different partnership wide approach to engagement which supports communities to do more for themselves and each other.</p>	
Does this proposal require an Equality Impact Assessment?	Yes
Will this proposal require a Specific Service Consultation	Yes

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