

GROWTH OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

APPENDIX D

Growth Ref.	Brief description of saving	Impact of Growth	Timing	HRA (%)	Total		Housing Revenue Account		
					2014/15	£	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
					£	£	£	£	£
Recommended for Approval									
Recommended Inclusion in 2014/15									
HG1	Development & Regeneration capacity	Increase capacity to deliver new build and regeneration projects and improve HRA assets in line with recommendations from asset review.	01 June 2014	100%	104,170	104,170	125,000	125,000	
HG2	Increase in establishment by 1 post	Increase capacity to enable Housing team to take greater advantage of ICT systems and therefore be more efficient and effective. Will include greater use of Northgate, Keystone, Opti-Time and introduction of mobile working for Asset Management team, BMO technical staff and Supported Housing team.	01 April 2014	100%	36,650	36,650	36,650	36,650	
HG3	Tenancy Fraud measures	Improve action against tenancy fraud to reduce occurrences and ensure legal occupancy of SBC properties	01 April 2014	100%	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	
HG4	Housing Ombudsman subscription	Compulsory from 2013/14 but free of charge for first year	01 April 2013	100%	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	
HG5	IT investment in tablets for Supported Housing team (16 required x £300)	Improved service through mobile working	01 April 2014	100%	6,800	6,800	0	0	
HG6	IT investment in tablets for maintenance and asset management surveyors (10)	Improved service through mobile working	01 April 2014	100%	5,000	5,000	0	0	
HG7	Addressing regeneration opportunities as highlighted in asset review	Work will include improvements to difficult to let properties such as bed-sits, first floor maisonettes etc. where demand is not high and where improvements will allow for better use of the Council's stock. Works are highlighted in Ark Report - Review of Housing Assets	01 April 2014	100%	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	
HG11	Periodic electrical inspections	Legal requirement to undertake periodic electrical inspections. Budget includes catch up works in early years and provisional sum thereafter.	01 April 2014	100%	50,000	50,000	25,000	25,000	
Total Recommended for Approval in 2014/15					468,120	468,120	452,150	452,150	