STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BALANCING THE BUDGET 2026-27 HRA SAVINGS

Ref No	Name of Service	Description of Savings Proposal	Savings 2026/27	Impact of Saving Proposal on Public/ Customers/ Staff/ Members/Partnerships etc. (include any impact on key	HRA Year 1 (2026/27)	HRA Year 2 (2027/28)
2026/S1	Community Development	Saving identified for the HRA following the restructure of the Community Development and Co-operative Neighbourhoods Team which was approved and actioned in June 2025.	£28,830	None	£28,830	£28,830
2026/S2	ICT	Review of Software Budgets and further utilisation of Microsoft 365. This was included in MTFS report to Cabinet in Sep.	£32,979	None	£32,979	£43,064
2026/S3	ICT	Removal of vacant post in ICT structure not required. This was included in MTFS report to Cabinet in Sep.	£11,600	None	£11,600	£11,600
2026/S4	Finance	Align Shared Internal Audit Service Budget. This was included in MTFS report to Cabinet in Sep.	£2,200	None	£2,200	£2,200
2026/S5	Commercial	Additional income from billboards. This was included in MTFS report to Cabinet in Sep.	£1,764	None	£1,764	£3,164
2026/S6	Commercial	Additional income from parcel lockers. This was included in MTFS report to Cabinet in Sep.	£336	None	£336	£672
2026/S7	Business Change	Right sizing the Business Change Team. This was included in MTFS report to Cabinet in Sep.	£57,262	None	£57,262	£57,262
2026/S8	Housing Management	Rationalisation of the establishment and identification of long time vacant and duplicate posts within the housing management service.	£345,966	There is no negative impact on services as the savings derive from long term vacant posts where service efficiencies mean that they are no longer needed, vacated fixed term posts that have remained in the establishment or where new posts have been created for a job share and the original post is still budgeted for.	£345,966	£345,966
2026/S9	Housing Management	Stationary budget reduction	£10,000	No negative impacts as trends would suggest this is not needed.	£10,000	£10,000
2026/S10	Independent Living	Rationalisation of cleaning costs and reducing duplication between caretaking service and Independent Living Cleaning Service.	£30,000	No negative impact. Removal of duplication that has been identified through the first stages of a review of Independent Living Cleaning.	£30,000	£30,000
2026/S11	Housing Asset Management	Laundry facilities within high rise blocks at Brent and Harrow Court to be closed in 2025/26 - costs not previously included in service charges	£23,670	The closure of the laundry facilities was proposed due to low level of usage and the costs of maintaining the equipment. Consultation was carried out with affected residents in the 2 blocks before the decision made to close laundry facilities with effect from 1 April 2025. Those residents who raised concerns about the closure have/will be supported - for example plumbing to be provided where tenants wish to install a washing machine in their flat and/or referrals made to the Welfare team for help, advice and support.	£23,670	£23,670
2026/S12	Customer Services	A management saving is proposed within the Customer Service Centre through the deletion of one management role. No redundancies are expected, as temporary arrangements are currently in place.	£21,600	No significant impact anticipated, the change will be managed within existing processes	£21,600	£28,800
Total Savings			**£566,207**		**£566,207**	**£585,228**