Prev MTFS Ref	ANNEX 1 - DRAFT BUDGET SAVINGS PROPOSALS 2026/27 TO 2029/30		2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m
	Corporate Policy		**(5.988)**	**(1.423)**	**(1.517)**	**-**
3, 14, 35, 58, 78, 96	**Pension costs adjustment*** *** This has already been allocated to service committees and is shown against the relevent budget lines in the main report Table 3**	This item relates to pension contributions funded by the Council. This results from a successful financial strategy to secure stability in the funding of future pension liabilities. The effect is a reduction in overheads in pay cost budgets following a change in the employer's contribution rate estimated by the Cheshire Pension Fund from the April 2026 triannual valuation results.	(4.521)	(1.423)	(1.517)	-
NEW	**5% vacancy factor - all Res & CEX**	To contribute to the Council's overall savings target through a managed reduction in staffing costs, achieved by holding a proportion of vacant posts unfilled for a defined period. This is being applied across all staffing areas at 5% of pay budgets. This approach assumes that a portion of staffing budgets will remain unspent due to natural turnover and strategic vacancy management	(1.467)	-	-	-
	Corporate Policy - Council Wide Transformation		**(13.491)**	**(11.030)**	**-**	**-**
49T	**Digital Customer Enablement Invest to Save**	The Digital Enablement Framework is a key enabler for the delivery of the Customer Experience Strategy, putting customer considerations at the centre of service delivery. It also provides transformational capabilities for continuous improvement providing efficiencies and improvement opportunities within the end-to-end service delivery processes. These savings will be validated and allocated to individual service areas with the agreement of CLT/Transformation Board.	(0.616)	(0.700)	-	-
50T	**Digital Acceleration Invest to Save**	Acceleration will maximise the use of emerging Digital technologies to transform ways of working across the entire range of council services. The benefits realised will be council-wide and enabled through the adoption of AI solutions by service operations across the Council including Adults, Health and Integration, Children's Services, Place, Resources (inc Customer Services) directorates, and Chief Executive's Office. These savings will be validated and allocated to individual service areas with the agreement of CLT/Transformation Board.	(6.250)	(5.250)	-	-
51T	**Digital Blueprint - Invest to Save**	The Digital Blueprint initiative will provide financial and quality improvements across Cheshire East services. Benefits realised will be council-wide and enabled through developing priority propositions across several dimensions including: • Improved quality of service outcomes, • Cheshire East operations and customer experience, and • Improved efficiency in service delivery, reducing friction and transactional costs These savings will be validated and allocated to individual service areas with the agreement of CLT/Transformation Board.	(4.645)	(4.500)	-	-
55T	**Fees and Charges**	As part of the Transformation Programme, a review of service fees and charges will compare our existing prices with those of other councils across the country, to identify opportunities to maximise income and fully recover costs of delivery. As specific areas of additional income are identified, the related service income budget will be increased, following the agreement of CLT/Transformation Board.	(0.040)	(0.040)	-	-
56T	**Third Party Spend**	As part of the Transformation Programme, a review of spend with suppliers will realise savings and drive increased value for money. As specific areas of saving are identified, the related service income budget will be increased, following the agreement of CLT/Transformation Board.	(0.690)	(0.540)	-	-
NEW	**F&C increase**	The Council's new Fees and Charges policy will be implemented in full from 1 April 2026. The policy proposes that future annual increases in fees and charges will subsequently take effect from each January. Therefore, additional savings will be realised in 2026-27 from fees increases in January 2027. As these increases are agreed, the related service income budget will be increased, following the agreement of CLT/Transformation Board.	(1.250)	-	-	-