August Variations

Savings; £731k

- £300k Ongoing savings identified during the 2015/16 closedown process and not already built into the base 2016/17 budget are estimated to be c£300k.
- £78k The ongoing Senior Management Review has identified an additional £78k of savings.
- £283k Ongoing savings have been identified as part of the Budget Stabilisation strategy that will have an immediate impact to 2016/17. £169k relates to an improvement in the operating position of the Leisure Centres and the remaining £114k relates to team restructures across the Council.
- £70k from existing coastal step replacement budgets will be used towards the access improvement costs included in the capital scheme detailed in paragraph 4.2 (ENV).

New Requirements; £110k (£77k net of transfer from reserves)

- £65k On 18 April 2016 Council approved a grant of £65k to St Barbe's Trust as a contribution towards the cost of the museum's planned development project (H&L).
- £12k In March 2016 the Leader of the Council approved £12k as a first year contribution to Creative England for promotion of film and television productions in the New Forest (Leaders).
- £33k Additional staff resources of £33k are required to implement the increased Disabled Facilities Grant programme detailed in paragraph 4.2 (£33k representing around 10% of the additional grant). The additional cost will be funded from reserves and will be exceeded by a reduction in the Council's original planned use of capital receipts (H&C).

November Variations

Savings; £1.061m

- £150k The positive development of **car parking income** in respect of both clock sales and meter income which started in 2015/16 has continued into 2016/17. Aided by fair seasonal conditions, this is expected to result in additional income of approximately £150k in this financial year (P&T).
- £160k Total Savings of £60k are now expected as a result of a staff structure reviews in **Revenues Services** (£20k) and **Benefits Services** (£40k). The service will in this year also benefit from additional one off Government funding for the implementation of welfare reforms which have largely been implemented from within existing resources (£70k) and the fact that the Government subsidies for housing benefit and the local council tax support scheme administration are higher than originally anticipated (£30k) (F&E).
- £70k Total savings of £70k are now expected within the Streetscene service as a result of temporary vacant posts (£30k), and a planned reduction in overtime costs (£20k) and sub-contractor savings (£20k) (ENV).
- £63k Staffing savings (£46k) and additional external income (£17k) within Community Safety result in an overall ongoing saving of £63k (HSG & COMM).

- £58k Additional income has been received in respect of the telecommunications mast at Lymington Town Hall. This covers payments in respect of previous years which have now been received.
- £50k Staffing savings of £60k have resulted following the Accountancy team restructure, £50k of which will benefit the General Fund and £10k the Housing Revenue Account.
- £489k Asset Management & Replacement Programme review; The overall total is £540k, of which £51k relates to the Housing Revenue Account. The impact on the General Fund is therefore a reduction in costs of £489k;

		GF	HRA
٠	Environment	£54k	
٠	Health & Leisure	£221k	
٠	P&T (Parking)	£55k	
٠	Offices & Depots	£145k	£51k
٠	Vehicles & Plant (Minor)	£14k	

- £20k A saving is currently projected on the Community Grants programme.
- £1k A saving is currently projected on the Business Development programme.

New Requirements; £279k

- £250k It is anticipated that some one-off transition costs may be incurred in order to deliver further efficiency savings. The savings outlined in this report enable a sum of £250k to be set aside, without impacting on reserves.
- £29k Delays in the implementation of the In-cab technology project (see 3.6) will delay the forecast savings being achieved (ENV).
- **Planning fee income** is currently £30k ahead of last year's figures, with **land charges income** falling short by a similar amount. This area will continue to be closely monitored as changing income earning patterns in the remainder of the year have the potential to lead to significant variations (P&T).