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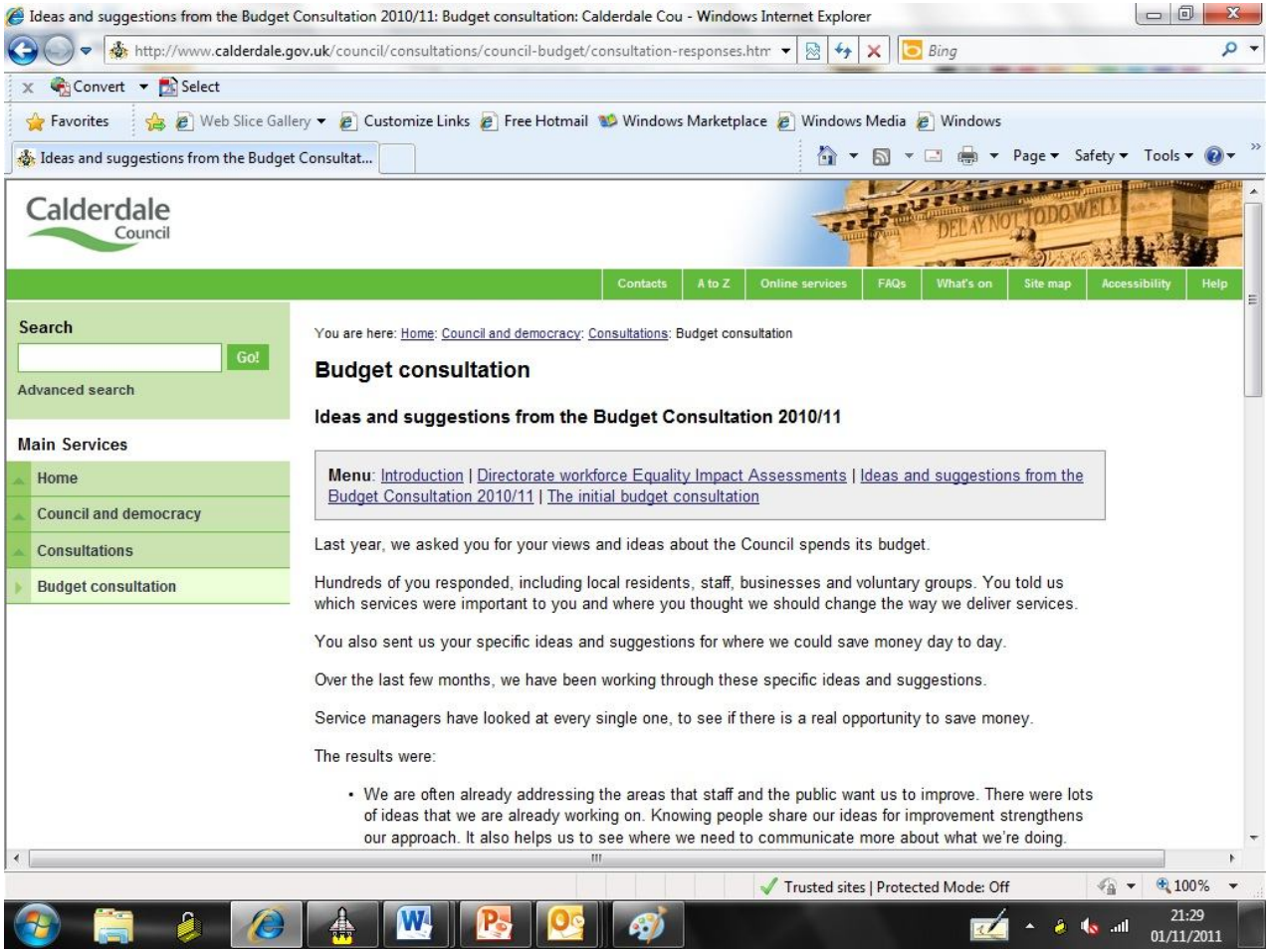

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Ideas and suggestions from the Budget Consultation 2010/11: Budget consultation: Calderdale Cou - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/council/consultations/council-budget/consultation-responses.htm

You said	We responded
Stop sending out Calderdale Call and the A-Z of Council services.	Yes, we agree, and we will do this once the current joint contract with the NHS comes to an end. The last issue will be March 2012. With this, and the end to the A-Z, we think we can save up to £105,000.
We could offer themed nights at some of our heritage properties, such as a Victorian Ball at Bankfield Museum.	We've already got this as one of our suggestions to make more money from what we've got – we'll be looking at this kind of event for all our sites.
Too many Council staff are considered 'essential car users' which means the Council pays a contribution towards their car costs.	We agree we can reduce this. We are going to drop the threshold for 'essential car user' status, and withdraw it from people who don't do more than 1,500 miles a year.
We could save money on waste disposal if we put more imagination into recycling all the old furniture which ends up at the tip.	This is a good idea – we are going to take this up with voluntary organisations and SITA (who run the site for us). We will look into this over the summer and decide by the end of the year.
We could do highways work for the private sector, in addition to the work we already do as part of our highways duty.	We agree this is a good idea – we are looking to make a start on this with immediate effect. (There are lots of technical issues to take into account, but we are working on resolving these)
Decommission the bollards in Halifax pedestrian area	We are interested in this. There could be some negative impacts, and we are going to ask the Halifax Town Centre Working Party to look at this in more

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CMBC BUDGET PROPOSALS - EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The attached is a summary of the equality impact assessments that have been completed for each budget proposal to provide a clearer picture of the potential impacts the proposals will have on service delivery and on our workforce.

Calderdale Council is required to find savings of £15m in 2011/12, plus an additional £7m in 2012/13, plus an additional £6m in 2013/14 – i.e. £28m of 'new' savings over the next three financial years. This is a cut of approximately 14% when set against the total 2011/12 'standstill budget' (non-schools) of £194m.

The summary includes details of the area the proposal relates to, the directorate which this proposal relates to, the proposed amount the proposal will save in the first year, 2011-12 and the total that will be saved by 2013-14. Finally, it provides a 'snap-shot' of the key potential impact (s) the proposal will have on certain sections of our community and staff employed by the authority.

The second part to this document summarises the potential impact the proposals will have on the Council's workforce, split into age, gender, disability, ethnicity, and is based on the equality monitoring information that the authority collects on each of these protected characteristics.

NB Copies of all the Budget EIAs will be placed in each of the Member's Group Rooms and posted on the Council's website and intranet.

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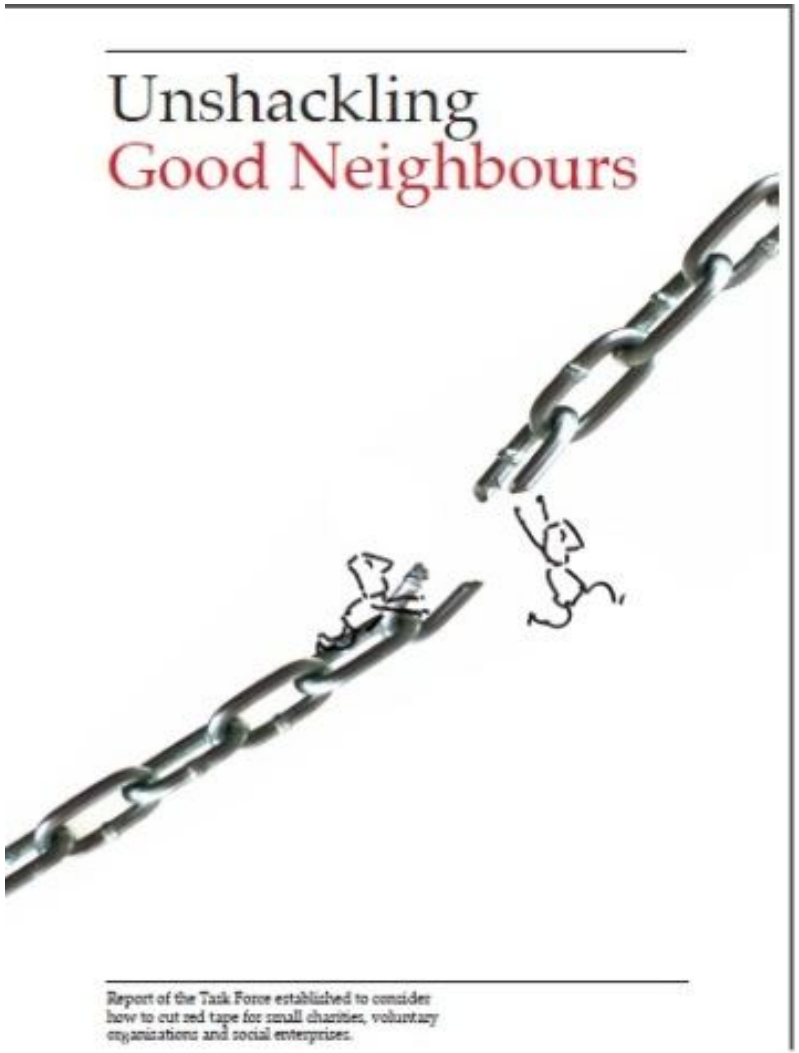

Budget Cuts

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council has responded to budget cuts in a proactive and Compact compliant way by marketing its consultation, impact report and draft budget.

By encouraging wide scrutiny of the draft budget and accompanying documents, the Council has allowed itself to be more accountable with its partners in the voluntary and community sector. As a result, if the proposed cuts for 2012/2013 are carried, they are likely to be better informed and more widely understood. The trust built with voluntary and community sector partners could lead to stronger relationships and closer working in the future, which in turn could result in better, more efficient services. (CompactVoice).

Natural Extension of a Passion

- Since October 2010 details of all financial transactions over £500 have been published on the Council's website.
- Data is published in both Excel and .CSV formats to increase accessibility.
- Meta Data (a description of the information) is also available. This allows for the information to be used by other IT and Internet systems.

National Extension of a Passion

- In the spirit of openness and transparency, the data is published under the ‘Open Government Licence’
- Confidentiality is maintained

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Financial information

Payments to suppliers

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The following files show payments to suppliers made by the council that are over £500 in value.

All invoices of £500 and over (inclusive of VAT) are included although the amount paid is shown net of VAT. This is the actual cost to the Council. All information is drawn from payment feeders into the Council's financial ledger.

Details of all expenditure apart from benefit payments and employee pay have been published. Where there is any specific sensitive information, this has been redacted (i.e the individual payments are still listed but no personal details have been disclosed). Redaction applies to social service payments to adult and foster carers.

The data has been prepared according to the latest guidance and is available free to download and re-use under the Terms and Conditions of the Open Government Licence

New files will be made available shortly after each month end, beginning with details of the October 2010 spend.

2011 Data files

- September [Excel file 702KB]
- September [CSV file 1657KB]
- August [Excel file 766KB]
- August [CSV file 1833KB]
- July [Excel file 581KB]
- July [CSV file 1354KB]
- June [Excel file 664KB]
- June [CSV file 1553KB]
- May [CSV file 1630KB]
- May [Excel file 715KB]
- April [Excel file 736KB]
- April [CSV file 1752KB]
- March [CSV file 2158KB]
- March [Excel file 943KB]
- February [Excel file 649KB]
- February [CSV file 1527KB]
- January [Excel file 699KB]
- January [CSV file 1649KB]

Metadata

The csv files conform to the standard format specified by Local Public Data Panel. To see how Calderdale MBC has complied with the guidelines, please download our metadata [TXT file 1KB]

For a more detailed description / explanation of the data included in these files, please download our metadata [PDF file 17KB].

Help

If you have a query about the data published, please email us at: PaymentsOver500@calderdale.gov.uk

If the query is about a specific transaction, please quote the transaction number in the file.

Impact – FOI?

Year	**Total***
1st January 2005 to 31st December 2005	174
1st January 2006 to 31st December 2006	239
1st January 2007 to 31st December 2007	380
1st January 2008 to 31st December 2008	598
1st January 2009 to 31st December 2009	671
1st January 2010 to 31st December 2010	998
1st January 2011 to 20th October 2011	799

**The figures above do not include Subject Access Requests under the Data Protection Act, internal reviews or appeals.*

Audit Plans

- Our external audit partner colleagues Grant Thornton say we have a good handle on governance and internal control;
- Our members are passionate about being open and putting as much out into the public domain as possible which seems to gel with Government thinking;

Audit Plans

- Are we seeing a benefit and prototype for a future less intensive audit approach based on a model of get as much out there as possible – maybe!
- As we continue to be decommissioned in traditional areas of service and evolve what opportunities are there for audit to change?

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- There is more to be mined from exploring this path further.
- Thank you for listening.