

DEMOCRACY COMMISSION

Submission by Councillor Michael Mitchell

The Future for Community Councils

The task	This proposal
Make savings of £344,000	Achieved
Retain 8 Community Councils	Retain 7 Community Councils
Keep planning powers at Community Council	Achieved. Model A
Keep Appointment of School Governors at Community Council	Achieved
Maintain Officer Support for the Community Fund	Achieved

Whilst the loss of 1 community council is to be regretted, it does mean all 7 Community Councils will be of equal size with each containing 3 wards and 9 councillors, unlike the present inequity.

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Based on Appendix B Closed Agenda 14 November 2011

	£	Reference
General Savings		
1) Marketing and Publicity	11,500	Information Pack, page 7, paragraph 2.3
2) Sound System - underspend on budget	9,000	Commission 22/09/2011, Agenda Item 14
4) CC Area budgets for individual publicity and marketing (60% saving identified)	48,400	Increased saving from 50% to 60%
5) Publicity and Marketing of CCF (50% saving identified)	5,000	
6) Interpreting and Translation costs (50% saving identified)	4,800	
Total General Savings	78,700	
Saving made in 2011/12 by adjusting number of main meetings to six/annum	23,234	Commission 03/08/2011, Agenda Item 9.3
50% savings from Neighbourhood team which equates to a 100% withdrawal of community engagement support to community councils.	197,800	Figure supplied by officers
Add back : Officer support for the community fund	(23,000)	Officers indicate a part time post at £21,400 is the minimum necessary for this function. Extra money added to facilitate recruitment.

	Reduce Community Councils from 8 to 7 and the number of main meetings to 4 held per annum	50,390	Commission 03/08/2011, Agenda Item 9.3. This level of saving assumes a reduction to 7 x 4 = 28 main community council meetings per annum
Model A	Retain planning at community councils	17,300	Knock on effect of reducing CCs from 8 to 7
	Total Savings	344,424	