

**Somerset Council MTFP 2024/25 - 2028/29
Savings Proposal**



Title of savings proposal	Consolidation of data centre infrastructure
Reference Number	RCS003

Executive Directorate	Resources
Service Directorate	Information Communication Technology
Service	

Lead member	Cllr Richard Wilkins - Transport and Digital
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Cost centre name	ICT Operational Software & Support
Cost centre code	G001010

Overview of proposal

Description of savings proposal (alt+return for new line)

Consolidation of the Taunton on-premises servers to a single site and remove a duplication of server virtualisation licences and to avoid capital investment in new hardware.

Following on from the move of VMWare environment from the County Hall data centre to Deane House, it is proposed that the next phase of consolidation is actioned, this will consist of moving away from the current Microsoft Azure Backup Solution (MABS) and utilise the backup solution in operation at Deane House, Rapid Recovery.

What will the saving achieve? (alt+return for new line)

Utilising Rapid Recovery for the ex-SCC Virtual machine estate will not incur any additional licensing costs and provide a saving of £36k per annum by no longer using MABS for this function.

Type of saving	LGR Saving - Contract
Which of the 17 key areas does the saving cover?	
Is this saving once-off or ongoing?	Ongoing
Does this impact on either the Council's priorities or another service?	No
Are there any policy change requirements?	No
If yes, please provide further information below.	

Benefits of the proposal

Tangible Benefits - savings/income £ (pro-rata for part year)	Intangible benefits (e.g. cost avoidance)
2023/24 (in-year)	
2024/25	£36k
2025/26	

Delivering the proposal

Describe the high level milestones for delivery, including timescales and target delivery date for the saving.

Complete migration of VMWare environment to Deane House - March 2024
Reconfigure backup solution for the VMWare environment to utilise Rapid Recovery - March 2024

Who are the key people/services involved/required (internal and external).

Internal ICT

What activity is needed to achieve the saving?
Complete VMWare migration to Deane House
What are the financial resources required?
None
Are there any limitations or constraints?
Dependant on successful migration of VMWare estate
What is the anticipated impact on service delivery to residents or business?
None

Please note that an equalities impact assessment is required for all proposals.

Other implications	
Impact	Number or description
Staffing impact (#s)	None
Redundancy or vacancy?	
Legal impact	None
Insurance or other impact	None
Equalities impact	None

Please ensure that you have consulted HR and your Finance Business Partner regarding any staffing savings.

Risks	
What is the risk status of the proposal?	Low
What are the risks associated with this proposal?	
Dependant on successful migration of VMWare estate to Deane House.	
Are there mitigations or actions that if implemented can reduce those risks?	

Please send your completed form to your Finance Business Partner for sign-off and submission of request.