

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



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| Title of savings proposal | Reduce ICT Operational support contracts |
| Reference Number | RCS005 |

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| Executive Directorate | Resources |
| Service Directorate | Information Communication Technology |
| Service | Infrastructure |

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| Lead member | Cllr Richard Wilkins - Transport & Digital |
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| Cost centre name | ICT Other and Sundries |
| Cost centre code | G001012 |

Overview of proposal

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

Gartner provides insight and challenge to our ICT management team, technical assistance with procurement and transformational initiatives, upskilling of our technical staff and providing insight with wider corporate initiatives. The contract allows for the senior management team access to this service. We will reduce this to just three seats and remove the Gartner Technical Professional service (GTP) which would allow us to continue to gain access to best practice, market insight and contract reviews.

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

Revenue/budget saving. Reduce number of seats and remove GTP service

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| Type of saving | LGR Saving - Contract |
| Which of the 17 key areas does the saving cover? | Review of Assets |
| 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? If yes, please provide further information below. | No |

Benefits of the proposal

| Tangible Benefits - savings/income £ (pro-rata for part year) | | Intangible benefits (e.g. cost avoidance) |
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| 2023/24 (in-year) | 0 | we are under Ts and Cs for this financial year, with Microsoft |
| 2024/25 | £50,000 | % saving on costs, billed per month, alongside contract benefits and support cost reduction |
| 2025/26 | 0 | there would be no additional saving, unless we are discussing against the cost of the service if we stayed with the current provider |

Delivering the proposal

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

Competitive G Cloud procurement

What activity is needed to achieve the saving?

Contract definition and procurement contract selection and awarding process. Change management

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| What are the financial resources required? |
| None in addition to current budget projections |
| Are there any limitations or constraints? |
| Time constraint in achieving this |
| What is the anticipated impact on service delivery to residents or business? |
| Removal of in depth technical expertise received via the GTP contract and other ICT senior management roles won't have direct access to Gartner |

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

| Other implications | |
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| Impact | Number or description |
| Staffing impact (#s) | 0 |
| Redundancy or vacancy? | |
| Legal impact | 0 |
| Insurance or other impact | 0 |
| Equalities impact | 0 |

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

| Risks | |
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| What is the risk status of the proposal? | Low |
| What are the risks associated with this proposal? | |
| Increased coordination required to share best practice and documentation. No in depth analysis available to senior technical staff | |
| 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.