

Budget Consultation 2025/26 questions from members of the public

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The budget includes £1m of savings from CBH being taken back in house. How is this figure arrived at? As detailed as possible please.

The council is currently rolling out a program of roof renewals on its CBH properties. When was the contract with Joyner to do the roofs entered into and what guarantee does Joyner give the council on the work?

Response from Cabinet Member

The details of the savings estimated from the transition of housing services back in house to the Council were included in the Cabinet paper that was approved in October 2023. This estimated a total of £2m of staffing savings – split evenly between the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account. The estimate was made up of £350k which was generated by merging the senior leadership team and then a 5% reduction in headcount across the rest of the organisation.

The new external fabric improvement contract with Joyner commenced on 1st April 2024 and runs until 30th March 2029.

The works have been let under the measured term form of contract which provides a six-month defects liability period to cover defects arising from materials and workmanship. In addition, insurance backed guarantees are provided covering external wall insulation installations and roofing works.