

Manchester City Council Report for Resolution

Report to: Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee -
28 February 2011

Subject: Response to Budget Proposals

Report of: Director of Communications
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Purpose

To present the response to date to the consultation on the budget proposals that were communicated to residents from 8 February 2011.

Recommendations

That the Committee considers and takes into account the responses to the consultation on the budget proposals summarised in this report.

Wards Affected:

All

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Background Documents:

Individual comments file, held in Democratic Services, Room 401, Town Hall

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The budget proposals were published on 8 February. At the same time, an email address was set up so that residents, staff and other stakeholders could voice their thoughts on the budget proposals. This was actively encouraged with reference to the budget.enquiries@manchester.gov.uk address cited on the home page of the website and intranet, within the consultation section on the website, referred to in press releases and subsequent media coverage and via blogs.
- 1.2 Enquiries relating to the budget proposals received via alternative methods e.g. phone, letter, complaints emails, other email address, and direct to service locations were also logged and are summarised in this report and the attached appendix.

2.0 Results

- 2.1 To close of play on 24 February we had received 491 responses, which included 4 petitions. 40 (8%) were internal from Council staff and 450 (92%) were external (1 was unknown).
- 2.2 The enquiries (80% of which were via email and 18% were via letter) were logged and where applicable referenced the ward relating to their enquiry, the enquiry topic and the area within the Council the message referred to. The following table shows how the responses were categorised.

Enquiry category	Volume
Adults	21
Children's	185
Neighbourhood	112
Core	59
Politically motivated cuts	8
Staff/Councillor costs	11
Multiple	13
Other	4
Blank	78
Total	491

- 2.3 The biggest areas of comments concerned Sure Start Centres (33% - 164 enquiries, with one enquiry being a petition of 340 names), followed by Levenshulme Baths (18.3% - 55 enquiries with two being petitions totalling 1,656 names), the Jazz Festival (6.1% - 30 enquiries), libraries (5.5% - 27 enquiries) and the Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe (3.9% - 19 enquiries). Note that some enquiries covered more than one topic.

Enquiry topic	No.	%
Sure Start	164 (1 = petition with 340 names about Wetherby Street))	33.4%
Levenshulme baths	106 (2 = petitions with a total of 1,656 names)	21.6%
Jazz Festival	30	6.1%
Libraries	27	5.5%
Addy Centre	19	3.9%
Staff/Councillor costs	17	3.5%
Manchester Advice	16	3.3%
Adventure playgrounds	15	3.1%
Shopmobility	10	2.0%
Car parking	9	1.8%
Miles Platting pool	5	1.0%
Public toilets	4	0.8%
Community Radio	3	0.6%
Youth Service	1 (petition of 24 names)	0.2%

- 2.4 Of those commenting about Levenshulme Baths, just over a fifth referred to their health benefits, 7% commented on the money already spent on the baths, 5% mentioned the lack of facilities nearby and 5% felt that they were a key focus for family and children. Amongst the Sure Start enquiries were four from private provider offering services. A quarter of the Sure Start enquiries came from Levenshulme Sure Start, where views expressed related to the benefits to the children attending in giving them a good start in life, the benefits to the parents in avoiding isolation and providing a sense of community. Other Sure Start enquiries also mentioned the importance to the community of their Sure Start Centre. Comments on the Jazz Festival related to its importance in the arts and cultural calendar in Manchester and in raising the profile of the City.

Comments on Levenshulme Baths	No.	%
Health	22	20.8%
£200k already spent on baths	7	6.6%
Family/children focus/equal accessibility	5	4.7%
Nothing else nearby	5	4.7%
Community facility	2	1.9%
Negative impact on the area	2	1.9%
See the Impact Assessment?	2	1.9%
Costs of alternatives	2	1.9%
Offer to take over as a community interest/discuss solution	2	1.9%
Suggest closing at quieter times	1	0.9%
Concern of increased prices	1	0.9%
Concern about alternative use of building	1	0.9%
Consider corporate sponsorship	1	0.9%
Sell stadium not close sports facilities	1	0.9%
500 ChapelSt schoolchildren will lose swim	1	0.9%

Comments on Sure Start	No.	%
Child development/good start in life	44	26.8%
Support/engage with other parents	38	23.2%
Concern about increased childcare costs	15	9.1%
Help with depression/loneliness/confidence	12	7.3%
Community hub	8	4.9%
Dissatisfaction with way has been handled - Centre Teachers	6	3.7%
Effect on job prospects	5	3.0%
Suggestions/offer to take over	4	2.4%
Suggestion to increase costs	3	1.8%
How would staff be TUPE'd?	2	1.2%
Lack of consultation with parents	2	1.2%
Would staff take a pay cut /freeze to continue?	2	1.2%
Quality of care	2	1.2%
Work with private providers	1	0.6%
Special services catered for eg dyslexia	1	0.6%
Reduce amount of admin staff	1	0.6%
Source cheaper suppliers of food	1	0.6%
Consider joint provision with other centres	1	0.6%
Loss of midwife services	1	0.6%

2.5 A high proportion of respondents cannot be identified by area of residence. For example, whilst 30% of enquiries relating to Levenshulme Baths came from Gorton South, Levenshulme or Longsight wards, 69% came from unknown sources. 65% of library enquiries were from unknown sources, with one from outside the City and the rest from wards within Manchester. Over two thirds of enquiries about Sure Start were from unknown sources (mainly because of the petition), with 13% coming from Levenshulme. Whilst 73% of Jazz Festival enquiries were from unknown sources, the remainder were from outside Manchester.

2.6 Whilst 5% of enquiries could not be assigned to a ward, 27% related to issues covering all wards, 30% related to Levenshulme (mainly concerning the baths, but also the library and the Sure Start centre), and 9.6% related to City Centre (the Jazz Festival, Shopmobility and parking charges). Included in the enquiries which could not be allocated to a specific ward were 17 comments related to staff salaries and Members' allowances.

Ward enquiry relates to	No.	%
All wards	132	26.9%
Levenshulme	149	30.3%
City Centre	47	9.6%
Harpurhey	32	6.5%
Hulme	25	5.1%
Moston	23	4.7%
Sharston	22	4.5%

Miles Platting And Newton Heath	6	1.2%
Bradford	5	1.0%
Chorlton	4	0.8%
Ancoats and Clayton	2	0.4%
Blackley	2	0.4%
Burnage	2	0.4%
Didsbury East	2	0.4%
Gorton North	2	0.4%
Higher Blackley	2	0.4%
Moss Side	2	0.4%
Ardwick	1	0.2%
Charlestown	1	0.2%
Chorlton Park	1	0.2%
East Manchester	1	0.2%
Fallowfield	1	0.2%
Northenden	1	0.2%
Whalley Range	1	0.2%
Wythenshawe	1	0.2%
(blank)	2	0.4%
N/A	20	4.1%
	491	95.5%

- 2.7 Strategic Directors have nominated key contacts to receive and respond to enquiries relating to their service areas but the Strategic Directors remain responsible for monitoring responses from their directorate. All enquires are acknowledged within twenty-four hours and 27% have received a fuller reply, generally confirming that the comments made will be fed into the consultation process.

3.0 Petitions

The following petitions have also been received.

- 3.1 Save Levenshulme Baths – petition with 1500 signatures submitted by Councillors Ashley and Commons. The petition states: “I/We, the undersigned residents of Manchester call on Manchester City Council to keep Levenshulme Baths OPEN”.

A further petition entitled ‘Save Levy Baths’ contains 150 signatures.

3.2 Manchester Advice

- (a) Letter from the President of the Kutchhi Sunni Muslim Association (KSMA) expressing concern about the loss of Manchester Advice and the Linkworker Advice Service, referring to the partnership between KSMA and Manchester Advice since 1992 and the negative impact on local communities and the quality of life for local residents if the service is lost.

A petition with approximately 500 entries is enclosed with the letter, 160 of the entries have signatures. As other entries were not signed, it cannot be validated that they have been made by or on behalf of the individual names listed.

A separate letter from the KSMA President, to all members of the Council, strongly opposing the abolition of Manchester Advice, detailing the work it undertakes and KSMA's views about the detrimental impact on vulnerable local residents, has been distributed to Council members.

- (b) In addition, the six local Councillors representing the Cheetham and Crumpsall Wards have received individual, pre-printed petition sheets protesting against the closure of Manchester Advice and the Linkworker Advice Service. There are some 460 individual sheets which are not signed and appear to have been completed by a limited number of people. The majority of the names entered also appear on the petition referred to at (a) above.

3.3 Wetherby Street Children's Centre – contains 340 signatures.

3.4 Youth Service – 'Say No to Youth Service Offer Cuts' – contains 24 names.

4.0 Next Steps

4.1 Enquiries will continue to be logged, acknowledged and responded to. A full file of comments received is being compiled for inspection. It will be available at the meetings of RAGOS on 28 February and will continue to be updated until the Council Budget meeting on 9 March.

4.2 The Committee is requested to take into account the responses to the consultation on the budget proposals summarised in this report in its consideration of the budget proposals.

Directorate	Ward issue relates to	Ward person lives in	Enquiry type	Enquiry topic
Adults	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Requesting clarification on proposals to restrict the cash IB offer
Adults	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Request for more information about the staff cuts being made to the Families Support Team
Adults	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Requesting clarification on where to direct comments about the budget proposals.
Adults	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Asks why Manchester Advice is closing when it saves the Council money by preventing homelessness / social services down the line. Suggests cuts be made in backroom staff and top
Adults	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Objection to closure of Manchester Advice - cuts will cause social and financial deprivation and promote further exclusion. They provide invaluable support to most deprived in the community. Good advice will save money in the long run
Adults	All wards	Moss Side	External	Objection to closure of Manchester Advice - ramifications will be felt across Mcr, charities often direct people to Mcr Advice, the most underprivileged will suffer. With legal aid withdrawn, CABs will lose capacity to provide a service
Adults	All wards	Chorlton	External	Objection to closure of Manchester Advice - Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) does not have resources to take on additional work, LSC funding for CABs will cease once proposed abolition of legal aid for welfare advice comes into effect, Manchester Advice provides services not provided by CAB. There will be a double cut to welfare advice resulting in a diminished service with serious consequences for the poorest in Manchester. Manchester Advice enhances income and job prospects of people and saves the Council millions of pounds.
Adults	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Manchester Advice - begs the council to reconsider. Comments include; there's no new provision, staff are knowledgeable and their loss will be irretrievable, the Coalition's changes to social security means staff will be needed at these times so people can access advice about what they are entitled to.
Adults	All wards	Ancoats and Clayton	External	Objection to closing Manchester Advice which supports the most vulnerable working class people. Prior to the cuts it was impossible to access good independent advice. Manchester Advice is a beacon and asks to reconsider the vital service which is part of the values of the Labour Party.
Adults	All wards	Unknown	External	On behalf of Independent Choices - concern about closure of Manchester Advice which is regularly used by service users of the GM Domestic Abuse Helpline. Doesn't know what funding the service will receive so can't see how voluntary agencies will be able to
Adults	All wards	Unknown	External	On behalf of Womens' voluntary services group - concern about closure of Manchester Advice which is regularly used by service users of the GM Domestic Abuse Helpline. Doesn't know what funding the service will receive so can't see how voluntary agencies will
Adults	All wards	Chorlton	External	Objection to closure of Manchester Advice - an absolutely essential service which will be needed more than ever in the current situation with massive cuts everywhere to public services. Outraged that Manchester could even contemplate such cuts.
Adults	All wards	Gorton North	External	Objection to closure of Manchester Advice - is due to represent at an appeals hearing and would not be able to get representation elsewhere. Manchester Advice is a unique and invaluable service.
Adults	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Objection to restricting customers to one type of IB. Believes customers who due to illness or disability are unable to manage a cash budget for PA's will be forced into accepting other virtual services such as Day Care, instead of being able to have choice, control and flexibility by having the opportunity to purchase items such as laptop, scooter etc.
Adults	All wards	Whalley Range	External	Shortsighted of the Council to cut a recognised flagship service such as Manchester Advice.

Adults	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Manchester Advice - will hit the most vulnerable residents of Manchester the hardest, this comes at a time when there is going to be even more demand for its services with the rise in unemployment and changes to the benefits system one consequence of which may well be a rise in homelessness.
Adults	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Manchester Advice on behalf of George House Trust. Urges the Council to consider the harsh equality impact on people living with HIV, and retain the HIV specialist advice and representation service
Adults	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Response from Unison objecting to the closure of Manchester Advice. Of particular concern to UNISON are areas where we do not believe there is any alternative provision.
Adults	All wards	Bradford	External	"Mike Wilson of Manchester Advice is representing me at a tribunal in connection with an attendance allowance claim and I am concerned that he will not be able to do so as the likely date for this will probably be in August of this year. I am eighty eight years old and find the help Mr Wilson is giving me is invaluable and I would not be able to continue with my claim and tribunal if he was not able to represent me. I have found out that Manchester Advice is the only department that will represent people at a tribunal, even citizens advice do not do this. Could I ask you to please look into this situation and please try to halt the abolition of this department which provides an invaluable and unique service."
Adults	All wards	Cheetham	External	Letter on behalf of the Kutchi Sunni Muslim Association, objecting to closure of Manchester Advice. Urges the Council to oppose the government's cuts for legal aid and social welfare.
Adults	All wards	Baguley	External	Devastated at closure of Manchester Advice, suggests local GPs could take on the role of Advice Workers within their surgeries e.g. have advice workers based there
Adults	All wards	Fallowfield	External	Comments on cuts to Manchester Advice as a vulnerable user of the service. Valuable service that make a difference to Manchester's society
Childrens	Ancoats and Clayton	Ancoats and Clayton	External	Looking for advice on how the sure start proposals will affect her and how much it will cost, including information on after school clubs and holiday care
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggestion to centralise Children's safeguarding teams across GM to save money - funded by local councils but run centrally.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Question about who will be expected to run the Early Intervention Programme and the changes to the EYFS if there aren't SLOs, Children's Centre teachers or advisor, and whether there is still a requirement for the EYFSP data. Suggests if the Council has to pay for outside consultancies this
Childrens	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Question about why Children's Services is seeing such big reductions in staff numbers - what happened to 'Every Child Matters'?, children are imperative to the future of the city.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Was it considered to ask the workforce if they would be prepared to take a cut in pay to save jobs? Wife works for Sure Start and is worried about her job.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Private nursery provider interested in taking over a children's centre to complement current provision
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Request for more information about what is happening to the children's centres. Points out that the centres are at the heart of deprived areas and are hubs for working with the community and the most vulnerable children and families. Is concerned about selling off to private providers leaving the Council open for more child deaths and child protection issues.
Childrens	All wards	Didsbury East	External	Requests explanation of detail of Sure Start and Youth Centre proposals. Wants to know how it will be funded, either directly or indirectly. Will community and voluntary providers be preferred over private providers if there is a subsidy? Questions how TUPE will work as only big organisations could
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Requests clarification of whether the Sensory Support team will be affected and how the budgets will be organised.

Childrens	All wards	Northenden	External	Concern about Sure Start centres and closing public toilets. Impressed by quality of child care in comparison to private providers, also concerned about what will happen to parent support groups that are currently run out of the centres. Also suggests incentivised scheme for local businesses (e.g. pubs) to allow public access to their toilets, using free marketing, contribution to maintenance or
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Request for clarification of what the disestablishment of Childrens Centre Teacher role means, what the timescales are and the options for children's centre teachers who have not yet had VS/VER
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	"Could you please let me know where the details of children's services are."
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Manager of the Children's mobile library - suggests how to keep the Childrens mobile library service running (fees for the schools visited to ensure full use of their slot, charges for late or lost books, hiring the vehicle out to schools, publishers and bookshops, applying to the Paul Hamlyn Foundation for an education and learning grant).
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Requests explanation of detail of Sure Start and Youth Centre proposals. Wants to know how it will be funded, either directly or indirectly. Will community and voluntary providers be preferred over private providers if there is a subsidy? Questions how TUPE will work as only big organisations could
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Concern about outsourcing Sure Start centres, suggests people would rather pay a bit more than use a private provider - suggests putting up prices to just under the price of a private nursery.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to pulling funding for Sure Start centres. They provide an excellent service and are at the forefront of communities.
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - brings people together and creates community and promotes active lifestyles. Believes Council should sell City of Manchester Stadium instead of closing libraries and sports facilities.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Suggests an amnesty for agency workers in Children's allowing them to join the Casual Bank register (not currently allowed). Residential Service could save £3 an hour on average - approx £400 per month for staff used on a regular basis.
Childrens	Bradford	Unknown	Internal	Suggestions for savings at Wetherby Street Childrens Centre: -Close offsite buildings -Increase price for community places -Ask local school to take before/after school care -Commission out places for children in need -Look at sourcing cheaper approved suppliers for food and general resources - Increase the working parent fees -Decrease amount of admin staff -Increase centre profile -Run community groups from the centre at a small cost -Fewer quality assurance schemes -Implement a
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggestions for savings: -Cut managerial cost of social workers -Residence orders (cheaper than fostering fees.) Adult placements instead of networkhomes for learning disabilities and elderly/young
Childrens	Blackley	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Surestart centre - how are single parents meant to work if there is no affordable childcare? Parents rely on the service, gets them out of the house and helps make new friends. No other services in the Blackley area
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggestions for savings in Play budget for Children's Services: -commission work undertaken by the three officers out to voluntary sector. Hard to see how savings will be made from report as it lacks transparency. Would suggest cutting the £60k for 'outdoor play'
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggests keeping percentage of Sure Start and working with a private provider. Raises risk of another 'Baby P' situation.
Childrens	Sharston	Sharston	External	Cutting Benchill Sure Start funding is short-sighted when it received good Ofsted report, bemused at lack of consultation with parents. Requests better communication and consultation and reassurance that taxes will be invested in children who are our future.

Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Backs the Council's attempt to administer cuts in the least socially destructive and most efficient way possible. Makes some suggestions re Play and Youth services and requests clarification of how budgets will be allocated.
Childrens	Moss Side	Whalley Range	External	Concern about losing Moss Side Sure Start centre - opportunity to engage with other mums and children is invaluable. Private providers too expensive or couldn't offer 2 places (for twins). Private providers shouldn't be given the opportunity to make profit for much needed affordable childcare in Manchester. Suggests offering chance for service users to take over the centre as a not for profit
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Sure Start centres - attends with daughter 4 times a week and had helped daughter develop.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Sure Start centres in Newton Heath and Miles Platting. Don't want to send grandchildren to private providers - wants to know what's happening.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of adventure playgrounds - free service available all year round. Opportunity to work with young people who may be vulnerable. Enables staff to build up relationships with harder to reach children and refer to other agencies or join up with other organisations when support is needed. It's a safe zone for so many young people, a reduction in funding would have a massive impact on some of the children's or families' lives.
Childrens	Moss Side	Chorlton	External	Sure Start centres - would be prepared to pay more because of the high standards the centre provides, high level of expertise that doesn't exist in the private sector. Parents will struggle to afford
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Wythenshawe Community Initiative - concerned about speed and severity of the cuts, how will they continue to meet the needs of the community? How viable with the organisation be in the long term? Wants the worst case scenario to be made clear
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggestion for Sure Start centre workers changing working arrangements to keep centres open - staff would rather lose a day's pay than go private
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Spare places in secondary schools - ridiculous that so many vacant places in schools, don't spend such a ridiculous amount on reconstruction and merge the schools
Childrens	All wards	Northenden	External	Follow up re sure start centres ref 54 - feels parents are not being informed and so unable to get
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Belthorne Nursey - staff have a wealth of experience and knowledge, we have invested and trained them now we are giving them the boot? Pauline's report is written by someone with nothing to gain. Give your residents something to believe in
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Sure start centres (Higher Blackley) - if it wasn't for SureStart my daughter would not have been able to mix, share, have friends, and learned the things she has - it's a disgrace to the children and the brilliant staff that work there
Childrens	Burnage	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Sure start centres (Burnage)- for every pound we spend on early education we save five on prison. - keep young spirits strong
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - its an essential service, provides important support and diversionary activities for young people. Team are experts, the loss would have a huge impact on the community, locality and partnerships
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Sure start centres - commissioning - will there be an opportunity for organisations to tender for Sure Start Centres? Hanifah Community Initiative is interested
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - stops me being bored, and keeps me safe, makes me feel better and happy, the staff are kind (age9)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - keeps me busy, stops me playing on the streets, I get bullied when Im not there, good that we don't have to pay (age8)

Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - If we werent here we'd play on the streets and damage things, it keeps me out of trouble, I learn how to cook and play football, snooker and table tennis, Ive been on walks and narrow boats - please save our Addy (age11)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - I like going on trips and meet other people, make loads of friends, play tennis, snooker, table tennis, cook, great to have somewhere to go, I would be bored if I couldn't come here (age9)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - makes lots of people happy, Ive made lots of friends, Id be bored otherwise, likes that its free so poor people can come (age8)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe- it's a fun place and theres lots of junk, we spent a lot of money building the addy Id be sad if it went, the staff share and help usand sort out my problems (age 8)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - staff are good and there to talk to, stops me being bored, Ive made friends, I like the swings and art and crafts, it helps me understand people with disabilities (age11)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - its fun, stops me from being bored, its very adventurous (age11)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - stops me being bored, Ive learned not to hurt people, the staff talk to me about issues and support me, I like the swings and climbing trees, we shouldn't have to pay so everyone can come, if it wasn't here Id be bored, get in trouble and get bullied - its the best place evr (age9)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - the staff are friendly, it's a nice place, theres lots of sports, activities and teams, if you shut it down there's be kids dying, crying, getting bullied, job losses (age 13)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - staff are nice, help me make friends, likes the swings and dancing (age 7)
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - they make sure we're save and happy, we go on trips, the staff are kind, ask our opinions and cheer us up when we're sad, help us as much as they can, Id be bored without it
Childrens	All wards	Ardwick	External	Objection to closure of Adventure playgrounds - Im learning how to be responsible for other people, young people see me as a role model, the areas getting better with less shootings and violence, its not fair and will make things worse (age14)
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Adventure playgrounds - Hulme, it was a great place to play and learn different things with friends and not get into trouble. The staff were friendly and great, don't shut them down, there'd be a lot more kids getting into trouble if it were to close
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - if it were shut down we would be bored on the streets, with nothing to do and no one to play with. The staff are nice, friendly and help you with problems (age13)
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Adventure playgrounds - North Hulme and Proctors Youth Centre - attended both as a child and feels they really benefit the local community. If they are shut down she's concerned the local kids will have nothing to do after school and in the holidays

Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - in an area that's educationally and socially deprived, it helps the more vulnerable members of society (attached Key Stage 2 results from a local 'Addy' primary school). Believes the Addy is more than just play it develops interpersonal relations and encourages healthy lifestyles. Reducing the funding will reduce the kids opportunities for development, and cause additional suffering for the families in an area which is already suffering from the cuts more than the average
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Adventure playgrounds (North Hulme) - As a parent she believes it keeps children off the streets, keeps them out of trouble, stops them being bored, all in the care of responsible adults. Its be a great shame for the community
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Adventure playgrounds (Benchill) - believes the financial cost will be higher in the long run - the playground is a proactive provision to keep youn people off the streets, reducing the costs of probation services etc. It's a positive environment for people with broken homes, a safe environment where they feel they are a member of their local community.
Childrens	Burnage	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Sure start centres (Burnage) - it has been a crucial support to her family inc two working parents. It gives kids a good start in life, prepares them well for school, and offers parents affordable childcare - don't deprive a generation of children of such a well managed start in
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Adventure playgrounds (Wythenshawe) - her son is heartbroken and she will have to reduce her hours as she cannot afford other child care. A lot of parents rely on it, its convenient and kids are safe.
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe - it offers a variety of activities and warm, dedicated staff. Closure would have a negative effect on the local community missing out on such a valuable service
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Adventure playgrounds (Hulme) - without them there'd be more crime, gangs and mayhem on the streets.
Childrens	All wards	Whalley Range	External	Youth services - believes shutting down the Youth Service is a betrayal of staff, a higher staff cut than MCC average in a service area that has been undermined for a long time. Its an erosion of important services, an abdication of the Council's responsibilities and a message to the young that the Council isnt bothered enough to invest in their service
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - the superb facility - bright, lively, friendly, organised - helped give their disabled child the best start in life. It changed their lives, they love everyone that works there, its wrong to close it.
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - helped her childs development, confidence, and speech problems. Its at the heart of the community, offers helpful services and the daycare is second to none.
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - the group is my only invaluable support network, its as enjoyable for me as for my child. Such high standards of service are not available elsewhere and if it were to go it would devastate the community. There will be little left to keep me in
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - the staff and information provided reassured me as a new mother, when hospital staff were less supportive, contacts have been great and an invalable experience.
Childrens	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - without this facility we would have no where to meet other new mums, and our children would have made friends with the other kids. There will be a loss of community cohesion and undermine the work already undertaken. Whole communities will be at risk of social exclusion.

Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - facilities are immensley important to the area, they make me feel part of the community, and better informed on how to care for my children. <u>Much better facilities than a private nursery, staff are skilled and talented.</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - I met mothers and babies of a similar age, developed a support network, it gave me new skills in a safe, specially designed environment. Its an <u>invaluable resource for the community, first class service I really feel part of the community.</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - an invaluable service for my family and <u>others, a great place for advice, help and to socialise</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - disgusted by cuts, the govermemnt has done <u>nothing positive for the everyday man. By the time the cuts are over there'll be nothing left in</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - my son is in a safe environment interacting and learning skills, while I an use the time to job hunt, prepare for interviews etc. Closure would <u>remove the support that has allowed me to prepare to return to work,</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - Ive accessed many classess, met other mums which has reduced social isolation, increased confidence with my daughter. I couldn't live without this invaluable service.
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - it helps form a community full of support and advice, giving structure, healthcare, language development, arts and crafts. It made our son <u>confident, happy, sociable, well-informed and creative</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - we have become part of the community through the centre, gained emotional support and learned a great deal from the proffessionals that <u>work there. Its had a massive positive impact on families and community.</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - it has served us and local families so well, <u>fantastic facilities - it would be a huge loss to young families</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - valable facility, bright, lovely play space and <u>enjoyable events.</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - we enjoy spending time with other mums and children. There are limited activities to do in the area so closure would be truly disappointing after al <u>the support I have been offered.</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - facility made my life a lot easier, children can play in a safe environment and the mums make new friends. After all the effort gone into the centre <u>the local community will be disappointed and have nowhere else to go.</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - services are a must. What would be left for parents if it were to close? <u>A rise of depression as parents feel isolated.</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Burnage	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - it has increased my self-esteem and confidence. Myself and my children have made lots of new friends
Childrens	Levenshulme	Burnage	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the <u>best interests of my child</u>
Childrens	Levenshulme	Burnage	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - helped me socialise, make friends and helped my son be happy, adapt to different environments and learn new skills. It would be a shame <u>for children to miss out</u>

Childrens	Levenshulme	Longsight	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Burnage	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Burnage	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Burnage	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Withington	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Burnage	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Rusholme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child

Childrens	Levenshulme	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - pre-printed form - it is a safe place that has helped my child learn, develop and interact with a wide range of activities in one place targetting the best interests of my child
Childrens	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme sure start centre - lovely to have support I needed from knowledgable employees. It gives new mums a link to the community straight away and made motherhood more enjoyable.
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure / cuts at the Addy Young People's Centre. The centre is used by vulnerable and disadvantaged children and enables them to grow in confidence and personality; it gives them a sense of belonging; a positive outlook on life; and a wide range of skills and experiences. Closure will result in antisocial behaviour
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure / cuts at the Addy Young People's Centre - closure would mean children staying in houses and if they played on the streets, they may get run over, they may be arrested as there will be no where to play (aged 11).
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Comment on Sure start centre provision. There was nursery provision from the 1970s so why does cutting sure start grant affect them. Suggests provising the porivision jointly with other organisations.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objects to cuts for Adventure Playgrounds. The Longsidght Adventure Playgound helped the complainant be self-motivated, dedicated and keep out of trouble.
Childrens	Higher Blackley	Higher Blackley	External	Comment on how Sure Start centres helped to support their child when the parent had anxiety and depression. Comments on difficulties of having mental health needs and a pre-school child whilst being on a low income. Sure Start is a life saving service that is needed.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Children's services - various issues: focus on prevention is missing from new proposal, proactive outreach to safeguard children is important, proposal does not mention Gypsy Roma and Traveller community, concerns about the commissioning process as the proposal does not recognise analysis of need and monitoring outcomes, concerns about the move to traded services
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to Addy Young People's Centre closure - everyone loves it, it is not fair, it has been open for 30 years.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggestion to sharing cuts bewteen differenct adventure playgrounds, enabling them to continue at a reduced level. The adventure playgrounds run by Manchester Young Lives are valuable resouces which support essential youth projects in deprived areas. Young people need somewhere safe with adults who cab support them.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Comments on the North Hulme Adventure Playground - a place to make friends, it gives parents a time to relax or to get things done while their kids are there, it benefits the community as it helps reduce crime and opens people's eyes to greater things and gives a bigger perspective of life.
Childrens	Hulme	Whalley Range	External	Comments on Adventure playgrounds - they are valuable resouces in areas of high deprivation, encourage positive play, reduce crime and disaffection, and supports the most vulnerable in society. Home educators use the facility and meet fortnightly at the Hulme centre for young peeple to maintain friendships who may have experienced traumatic experiences at school. It is important to keep these facilities open at these difficult times.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Comments on adventure playgrounds - they keep vulnerable children off the street, offer safe environments where they can receive practical and emotional support, they are a space that can be used for learning, they are used for other groups e.g. Home Educator Group, they are focuses for

Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closing all sure start centres abd suggests we keep 5 nurseries like Newcastle Council. Keep nurseries in areas that need them most.
Childrens	All wards	Chorlton	External	Concerns about Moss Side Adventure Playground. Suggests spreading cuts equally across the play budget, therefore reducing the impact in neighbourhoods where these services are essential. If opportunities are removed, it would have a negative impact in areas where young people are already greatly at risk of being disenfranchised.
Childrens	Charlestown	Unknown	External	Request for information about whether funding will continue for Whitemoss Club for Young People.
Childrens	Sharston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing sure start centres on behalf of 'Friends of Benchill Sure Start' - looking for support to protest against the cuts as the centre provides much needed support to children and
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	Internal	Concerned about Carisbrooke Day Nursery closing - it provides a service to vulnerable families in a not very affluent area. Parents and staff are concerned that the day nursery may be closed, absorbed into a school or taken over by a private firm.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - has helped recognise son as having special needs
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - the centre has been a great support and she has nothing negative to say about the centre
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - disabled parents have found it crucial to their lives. Shame the Government wastes money on other projects that are then scrapped.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Doesn't understand why we pay millions in overseas aid when we're closing our services - put UK
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - can't get to other playgroups, without the centre her son would not be learning any social skills. The staff really care for the children and the job
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - they are useful for toddlers if they shut there would be nothing else.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - staff are excellent. If closed, would not be able to work and for the first time in nine years would have to claim benefits. Privatising would make nursery expensive, need affordable childcare.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - don't know how I would have coped without support from knowledgeable staff.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - even providing an alternative will be extremely upsetting and have a negative impact on child.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - parents not able to afford to pay for private daycare. Children won't learn to interact with people.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - helps children to interact with other children, there would be nowhere else to go. Gives children a good chance in life.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - want to go to see midwives / health visitors, wouldn't be able to afford other childcare.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - short term cuts will lead to higher costs in the future for vulnerable families.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - before/after school club has been tremendous help. If it closed, would not be able to finish university course.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - if before school club closes, would have to give up job. Would lose house if had to go on benefits.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - suggests keeping money in this country rather than sending abroad. Can't afford private day care.

Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - closing the before/after school club would mean couldn't work therefore would become a burden on the state.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - not good for families to lose local services - the centre provides so much information, help and support that communities will struggle without them.
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - can't see how single parents will be able to pay to send kids to other play groups
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Moston Sure Start centre - need before/after school clubs in order for parents to work and contribute to the economy. Suggests some office jobs could be cut instead. Would like more information on how the services will be provided in 1
Childrens	Gorton North	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Gorton Sure Start - has been supportive and would hate to see it close. Attends many of the classes and events.
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start - only social club I attend, have learned a lot
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start - would have a negative impact on family and society as a whole. Allows to mix with other mothers so as not to become isolated. Allows son to play in a safe
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start. Allows parents to mix with other mothers and life would be more difficult with it.
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start. Introduced me to lots of parenting classes and workshops that were invaluable.
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start. Provides stimulating and enjoyable sessions for babies and toddlers, allows parents to mix and ensure they don't become isolated. Also useful for health
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, it's helpful for the children and fun.
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, it's a chance for child to play with other children, it give parents moral support.Helps improve children's education.
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, just a few sessions can change lives, helps mums mix, not many other organisations offering the same services, such as benefits advice, midwifery, pottery, health and beauty. Closure would mean undoing the good wo
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, gives you information about becoming a mum. Nice to know there is support out there.
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, chance to socialise with other young mums - gets me out of the house.
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, important for children to be able to mix with other children.
Childrens	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, important for less advantaged children to get a headstart in early development.
Childrens	Hulme	Hulme	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, important for children to be able to mix with other children, and mums to meet other parents.
Childrens	Hulme	Hulme	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, daughter also attends the school.
Childrens	Hulme	Hulme	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start
Childrens	Hulme	Hulme	External	Objection to closure of Hulme Sure Start, it's the closest one and daughter really enjoys playing with the other children.
Childrens	Chorlton	Unknown	External	Comments/feedback from stakeholders, parent/carers from Chorlton Sure Start Children's Centre on the proposed changes to Sure Start and day care provision
Childrens	Moston	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Broadhurst Sure Start centre. Consultation event with parents raised many questions as included in the attachment.

Childrens	Ardwick	Ardwick	External	Objection to closure of Ardwick adventure play group. Group provides a buffer for a lot of hyperactive children to let of steam in a controlled positive way
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Objection to disestablishment of Children's Centre Teacher posts, and complaint of way they found out about the changes to the posts.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Comments from Voluntary Youth Manchester including recommendations about how budget should be allocated, ensuring fair commissioning across sectors and reconsidering the decision not to have a centralised statutory youth service function. Much more information in report.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of adventure playgrounds, they provide a safe haven for play and learning, consider the damage that could be done to inner city society by shutting these playgrounds down.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Sure Start centres - research tells us that these early years for children are vital for later development. The skill development and learning at the centre is outstanding and I do not think that Manchester should take lightly any cuts that will affect children at such a crucial stage
Childrens	East Manchester	Unknown	External	Protesting closure of Surestart centres in the east Manchester area. "Without the help of the midwife led service at the Wells Centre, Clayton, I wouldnt have been able to do half of the things that I did during the pregnancy that I did."
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Email from Faith Network for Manchester about the effect that 75% cuts to youth services will have on Manchester. "The need for communities to support our youth has never been more real than at a time when unemployment is having a disproportionate effect on their lives. The potential for such a situation to lead to frustration and inappropriate responses from these young people is very real. This is something we must, and can, avoid."
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Email on behalf of Voluntary Youth Manchester re: proposed cuts of services to young people. Want the Council to look at how cuts could be better allocated as well as safeguarding jobs in existing third sector organisations through future commissioning arrangements.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Email on behalf of Manchester College - appreciates the severity of budget reductions and acknowledges the position that the Council finds itself in, but expresses concern about the reduction or removal of services and the potential impact that this may have upon Manchester residents, and the potential adverse impact that this will have upon the services that the College are able to offer
Childrens	Higher Blackley	Unknown	External	Questions about Belthorn Children's Centre: 1) Have you got any arrangement for existing children who are currently with belthorn children centre? 2) What is the different of the fee if there is a private one to take over? 3) How would you be so sure the independent providers will deliver the same healthy good service to our children?
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Concerned about the level of cuts which will disproportionately affect young people, effectively disadvantaging them for many years to come. Preparing a report - draft included.
Childrens	Bradford	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Wetherby Street Child centre - would have to give up work if it closed as could not afford private nursery.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Wishes to register an interest in becoming an alternative provider for Sure Start provision in Manchester but not sure what she needs to do.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Feels that the proposed cuts in Children's Services (specifically the role of the Children Centre Teacher) has been handled very badly. Found out role was to be disestablished through the MEN, then was told they weren't eligible for m people, then didn't receive VS/VER letter until 11 Feb- the deadline for early consideration and loss of office payment. Made worse by misinformation by shared services team. Feel like he's being forced out of MCC.

Childrens	City Centre	Unknown	External	Wants to know the tendering process for Surestart centres. Laura's daughter attends the nursery at First St and her and some of the parents and staff would be interested in applying to run it as a co-op or social enterprise.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Complaint re: budget cuts to Children's Services. First heard of her role (Children's Centre Teacher) being disestablished through the MEN. "Not an appropriate manner for a 'caring' and 'responsible' organisation to behave towards its employees." Council said it would avoid compulsory redundancies at all costs, but that's essentially what's happening with the disestablishment of roles. Also been discriminated against because didn't receive VS/VER info until after the early consideration date (11
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Concern about disestablishing the Children's Centre teacher role and dissatisfaction with the way changes have been handled and staff have been 'consulted'.
Childrens	All wards	Outside Manchester	External	Concern about disestablishing the Children's Centre teacher role and dissatisfaction with the way changes have been handled and staff have been 'consulted'.
Childrens	All wards	Chorlton	External	Concern about disestablishing the Children's Centre teacher role and dissatisfaction with the way changes have been handled and staff have been 'consulted'.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Agrees with need for change in Children's Services, but concern at the way changes to Sure Start are being implemented and requests support for staff going through this while preparing for an
Childrens	Blackley	Unknown	External	Further information to ref 132 about how cuts will adversely affect the Blackley area
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggestion to implement review the same as Newcastle for Sure Start centres (further to email re
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Petition of 24 names to "Say NO to Youth Service 'Offer' cuts"
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	External	Request for information about fees for Sure Start, difficult to make decisions when they don't know what future childcare costs will be
Childrens	Bradford	Gorton North	External	Objection to closure of Wetherby Street Child centre - Working class families should be able to access reasonable nursery care which is something you wouldn't get if it was privatised.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Concern about disestablishing the Children's Centre teacher role and dissatisfaction with the way changes have been handled and staff have been 'consulted'.
Childrens	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Concern about disestablishing the Children's Centre teacher role and dissatisfaction with the way changes have been handled and staff have been 'consulted'.
Childrens	Bradford	Unknown	External	Petition of 340 signatures - Call upon the Council to reconsider the proposed changes to Wetherby Street Children's Centre so that the Council can continue to own and operate Wetherby St Children's Centre so that children and parents can continue to benefit
Childrens		Unknown	External	Sure Start Centre is a life line to parents and children, the Council is taking away an essential service
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start Centre is a massive help being a first time mum, it would greatly affect my life if it closed
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - the staff at Carrisbrooke have supported and help me get over my depression. Without it I
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - I was nervous and lonely when I first came to the area, no one has made me feel as happy
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - the workers are friendly and helpful. Without the sessions I would be lost.
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - the workers are helpful and friendly. The centre has helped my confidence with others and
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - my child has took so long to settle and is now happy. I have peace of mind that she is safe
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - I feel lost, what are the options when it closes? Will the fees be the same? We aren't bei
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - the centre has given great support to families, where will we go/what will we do to get help
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - What will be left for my child to attend in the area - parent has mental health problems
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - has been a life saver, am sad that other families won't be able to benefit
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - has helped me and my daughter build confidence, and are there when we need someone
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - it's a disgrace that they're closing, its convenient and great for information/advice
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - I wouldn't have known where to start without the centre, they have lifted the pressure and

Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - it has given me support to get back to work and my life back on track. It's a much needed
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - staff are brilliant and helpful, a helpful way to bring a child into life
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - its not fair
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - its disgusting they are closing, what world are we bringing the children into. The gov shou
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - consider the effects on low income parents
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - Due to dedication of the centre, my son was diagnosed with a physical illness and is now
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - Id be lost without the centre, the staff were fantastic for their support and encouraging the
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - staff have contributed greatly to my sons development
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - don't know what Id do without it
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - without it there'll be nowhere for the kids to go
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - its not fair
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - closure would be a huge inconvenience and disappointment, as a new mother I felt welco
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - all the help and advice you need at any time, help with childrens development, and helps
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - why would you close a place where our children enjoy going?
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - its very easy to get to, great place with lots on offer
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - have supported me and my children, it helped me get over my post natel depression, me
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - Id be lost without it and my son would have been put into care. Staff have helped me acf
Childrens	Harpurhey	Unknown	External	Sure Start - it has developed my childs language skills, built confidence, integrated into the group. It
Core	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Suggested incentive for staff aged 50-55 to take voluntary early retirement
Core	N/A	Unknown	External	Suggestion to ask staff if they would be willing to work fewer hours or take flexible retirement
Core	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Suggestion that directors' pay should be cut in order to show the loyal workforce that they are committed to helping the poor and disadvantaged people.
Core	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Proposals for savings - using second class post, increasing recovery costs on summons and liability orders and granting Business Rates Discretionary Relief only to those organisations that directly benefit Manchester
Core	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Makes several suggestions for reducing costs - remove 'non-jobs', concentrate on commissioning services for residents that are world class, cut back-office departments further, reduce number of directors and councillors. Also suggests 'horrific' waste - colleagues working at 40%, time lost between meetings, pointless meetings.
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Complaint about cuts and effects these will have. Suggested a possible increase in crime and also asked whether people who are losing their jobs could be let off from paying Council Tax.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - gives musicians a foot on the ladder and some great talent has been discovered over the years. Gives those on low incomes chance to enjoy music on
Core	City Centre	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - valuable for the city as people travel to visit bringing money with them. Unique phenomenon unlike any other jazz event in the country, an important part of the NorthWest's cultural scene.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	events - economic impact of Manchester's event calendar has gone from strength to strength. Particular concern for Queer Up North - improves self-esteem within a section of the community which can have low levels of self-esteem and in which individuals can be isolated. Without Council funding, QUN will be lost. Also concerned about funding for Manchester Pride - withdrawing funding for these events would damage the city's reputation for supporting one of its most vibrant, creative
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival -Manchester currently attracts high profile musicians, but this will depreciate if we stop attracting visitors to the city
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - need this vibrancy of culture in the North, not just in

Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - important that local festivals are supported as they add a bit of sunshine on a dreary economic landscape
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - it's highly respected nationally, key to development of talent and enabling musicians to make a living in the city. Has a best practice approach to marketing and audience development and has developed jazz across the region. Provides excellent ROI for funders and sponsors - admin and staff costs are kept to a minimum.
Core	City Centre	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - funding for jazz in the UK is pitifully low. The festival draws in visitors from outside the city and contributes to the local economy.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - "last year was amazing".
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - integral part of the Arts scene - should be safeguarded in the same way as other arts in the city.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - very important for the development of young musicians
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Pledges support for the Jazz festival
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cuts in funding for Jazz festival - brings people into the city and showcases talent of home-grown musicians. Vital to the future of Jazz in the North.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Pledges support for the Jazz festival - gives the city a real vibrancy
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - very effective at promoting Manchester's reputation as a cutting-edge city.
Core	City Centre	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - brings a lot of people into the city, always well attended. Good opportunity for local composers to air new works which might otherwise never have
Core	City Centre	Outside Manchester	External	Jazz festival is a great advert for Manchester.
Core	City Centre	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - states how much money he spends in the city when visiting
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Pledges support for Jazz festival - jazz is under-represented art form and needs Council support. Asks to consider impact on music scene in NW.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - has done a lot to strengthen the region in terms of artistic activity. Festival is widely regarded as one of the best in the country and has helped to develop musicians from the area.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Pledges support for Jazz festival - excellently produced showcase festival. Important to show the world Manchester is a cultural centre of significance.
Core	City Centre	Moston	External	Shopmobility - the staff offer fantastic support and thanks to them I can access places I couldn't on my own. It gives me some normality. Closure would put an end to my social life, I would lose my independence - it is a life line to me.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Shopmobility - it is a lifeline
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Shopmobility - gives me freedom, takes burdon off my carer, I felt exhilarated. Its an extremely valuable and worthwhile service, without it it would increase depression and fustration for people with mobility problems, also loss of revenue for the shops
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Voluntary sector grants - concerned about union cuts when the need for their support is likely to be higher during the economic crisis, concerned grants will move over to complete commissioning
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Follow up re festivals - enquiry 121. Recent profile of Manchester events has gone from strength to strength - one of our greatest assets. We should esp save Queer Up North improves self esteem amongst groups that are often isolated. Manchester Pride is one of the jewels in the Mcr Events Calender - it would damage the citys reputation if funding was cut

Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Food and drink festival - has built an ever increasing following, without funding they wont be able to pay staff to raise sponsorship funds. It would have a year-round economic impact on the city if
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Shopmobility - people rely on the service, staff are friendly and helpfu
Core	City Centre	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - values the festivals vibrancy, bring people into the city both economically and culturally
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival - its an important revenue scheme for local businesses, he has seen fantastic music that wouldn't usually be realised, great opportunities for performers, an outlet for talent like no other - it would have cultural and economic effects if cut
Core	City Centre	Outside Manchester	External	Registering support for Jazz festival. He believes it brings the city to life, brings more money into the city and attracts people from surrounding areas.
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Requests continued financial suppport for the arts and notes positive outcomes of this investment.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Comments on reduced funding to shopmobility as a family member is reliant upon the service, which enables her to get out and about in the city.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Supports Jazz festival and benefits to the city - media interest, tourism, local economy, puts the city on the map as a hub for creativity and inspiration.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Support for Jazz festival - the city needs it culturally and economically.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Comments on cuts to Shopmobility - it is a good service which affects shopping trips and traders.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Support for Shopmobility - would not be able to take relative into the city centre without this service. The service is needed so disabled people have same rights as the abled bodied.
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Supoport for the Jazz festival
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Support for the Manchester Jazz Festival.
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Asks when the Gender Equality Impact Assessment will take place.
Core	City Centre	Outside Manchester	External	Support for the Manchester Jazz Festival - attracts a varied audience. Traditional music should be supported in the North West. The festival puts Manchester on the musical map and showcases
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Support for the Manchester Jazz Festival.
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Welcomes the Council's approach to consultation. Supports the Council's approach to working with third sector as a significant partner and supports emphasis on reducing dependency and on commissioning based on outcomes and priorities
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	State concern about funding cuts to Shopmobility Manchester. Without this service I Will be unable to shop in the City Centre.
Core	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Outrageous that huge numbers of taxis are used by council staff throughout the day to get them to and from the Daisy Mill Complex in Longsight to appts in other parts of Manchester especially the town centre - what's wrong with the bus?
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Request from Radio Regen to work with ALLFM and WFM to create a transitional funding arrangement that moves the stations from grant funding to a new business model with a broader range of partners. Community radio delivers transferable workplace skills to a wide range of learners, often amongst people not used to formal learning. It reverses negative media images and drives up
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to cutting funding for Jazz festival, it's a superb international cultural event
Core	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to withdrawal of funding for Shopmobility. I ask you to think seriously about keeping this facility as it is essential to those people who are disabled and would otherwise have a much poorer
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Numerous suggestions for saving money - ceasing buying land to give to property developers -stop move of Cornerhouse until more prosperous times -stop parades -savings from Airport -scrap Metroshuttle -don't invest in 'public realm'

Core	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Suggestion to request MCC employees who are eligible to do so to submit their interest in VER up to the end 2012, to help plan future financial savings
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to withdrawal of funding from Wythenshawe FM. It talks to its It Community. It trains the young and elders in Media. Wythenshawe FM is Local and Vocal. It speaks for the Community giving Volunteer groups and the Trusts In Wythenshawe a unique way of Broadcasting the good work they
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Proposals on behalf of WFM Community Media, who manage Wythenshawe FM: - MCC ensure that Cultural Organisations receive continued funding at a level to sustain them while they adapt to the new budget realities which face Manchester; That this is funded either by the pool system or by additional savings in the Corporate Core through sharing services with other councils; That in addition the ward-based Cash Grants scheme continues on the presumption that where arts, youth and other community organisations have lost funding in this budget process their applications receive a boost in assessment and selection process.
Core	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to funding cuts for Manchester Pride, the benefits to the Council both in monetary terms and of benefits in kind from Manchester Pride outweigh the funding and benefits received
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Offer to take over Levenshulme baths as a community interest
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Outside Manchester	External	Trafford resident offering to volunteer in Manchester Libraries as feels strongly that Manchester should have some sort of library service
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Visitor objecting to closure of public toilets - husband has a prostate problem and without access to public toilets would have to wee in the street or visit other cities instead of Manchester.
Neighbourhoods	Miles Platting And Newton Heath	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Miles Platting Pool, water polo team (Manchester Sharks) train there every week - an inclusive club that has successfully integrated gay and straight players into a competitive team. Pool is also important part of the local community. Disappointed, especially considering the money spent on refurbishing and relocating Council offices.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Disabled user of Levenshulme baths objecting to closure, needs the pool to exercise as medication damages his muscles.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Motorist complaining about parking price increase and Sunday parking, suggests it will push business to the Trafford centre and city centre shops will suffer.
Neighbourhoods	Miles Platting And Newton Heath	Unknown	Internal	Recommendation to close Broadway not Miles Platting baths, and question about whether money could be found to upgrade Miles Platting as it is meant to be a regeneration area. Suggests users of Broadway could use North City or Failsworth pool instead without too much difficulty. Asks if there could be alterations to mobile library services to fill gaps left by library closures.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Arcadia - plays roller derby there. Also points out Charlie Chaplin skated there. Requests clarification of 'threatened' closures as reported on the BBC but says 'will close' in the press release. Asks what they can do, can they fight?
Neighbourhoods	Whalley Range	Whalley Range	External	Concern about fortnightly refuse collection and request to make exceptions for HMO. Had previous problem with cockroach infestation and is concerned this might happen again.
Neighbourhoods	Gorton North	Unknown	External	Enquiry about the proposals for Debdaile Sailing, requesting more information about alternative management arrangements and whether it will be open for tendering by external commercial
Neighbourhoods	Miles Platting And Newton Heath	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Miles Platting Pool, only 2m fixed depth pool in GM - required for water polo, synchronised swimming and 'Octopush' sports. Concern that closing would detrimentally affect the health of local community, suggests it's a short-sighted measure with the ongoing obesity epidemic.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Anger at closure of Levenshulme baths and library, Levenshulme shopping area is a disgrace, don't need to lose what decent services are left. Children use the baths, fantastic as a family event. Baths are important to Levenshulme and will fight to save them.

Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of public toilets, suggests Manchester can't be taken seriously without them and that the savings made will not be significant.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to Sunday parking charges, suggests it will make it harder for businesses within the city to encourage people in. Suggests free parking after 6pm and on Sundays is a very real incentive and there are very few spaces available after this time - taking this incentive away will have a negative impact on spending in the city and not raise enough funds to compensate.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Recommends introducing parking permits to save money and enable Council to maintain high standard of policing.
Neighbourhoods	Chorlton	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Chorlton Library - where else are people to go to access the internet? No other free play groups for pre-school children. Anger at the Chief Exec's salary when librarians stand to lose their jobs. Applauds decision to increase parking charges and to scrap Manchester People and Life In magazine. Disappointed with service at Manley Park Beehive - suggests could be reopened as a fully inclusive play centre run by local volunteers.
Neighbourhoods	Chorlton	Unknown	Internal	Suggests alternative options for Mersey Valley budget cuts and requests clarification around roles. Wishes to salvage as much of the service as possible and safeguard as many staff as possible. Suggests that the 160k budget without any contribution from Trafford is not a cut, it is a destruction.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Didsbury East	External	Request for explanation of the abbreviations in report, and suggestion that further savings could be made by reducing the number of green bin collections in winter
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Asks if Council Tax will be reduced if services are being cut, suggests that fortnightly bin collections will be a disaster, objects to closure of Arcadia leisure centre and Levenshulme baths, feels that the most deprived areas of the city are being penalised
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths, points out the problems it will cause for families and local businesses. Also questions what the building will be used for once the baths close.
Neighbourhoods	Miles Platting And Newton Heath	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Miles Platting Pool, water polo team (Manchester Sharks) train there every week - an inclusive club that has successfully integrated gay and straight players into a competitive team. Pool is also important part of the local community. Disappointed, especially considering the money spent on refurbishing and relocating Council offices.
Neighbourhoods	N/A	Unknown	External	MAKE WAYNE ROONEY PAY FOR RUNNING A SWIMMINGPOOL
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Ancoats and Clayton	External	Requests the Council rethink the cuts affecting public hygiene - bins, public toilets and street cleaning. The Council have a responsibility for Public Health issues under the new NHS restructures in the next 12 months. Asks not to turn Manchester into a world class slum.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggests paying external companies for parking management is bad idea and should merge services instead.
Neighbourhoods	Hulme	Hulme	External	Objection to closing the homework club by 13 year old girl.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to proposed closure of Levenshulme baths (nothing else nearby) and fortnightly bin collections (concerned it will encourage vermin and dumping.) Suggests cutting senior management
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closing libraries - disabled lady in constant pain receives great service from helpful and kind library staff and get solace lying down listening to the tapes from the library. Considers libraries one of our great institutions.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	States interest in putting in an offer for any leisure centres that need to be sold.
Neighbourhoods	Didsbury East	Didsbury East	External	Full of praise for the Council but concern about changes to bin collections. People don't report bulky refuse now, and are less likely to do so if they might get charged in the future. Also, people likely to leave bin bags next to wheelie bins once full - if these aren't collected it will lead to rats and litter. Wants to know how the impacts will be monitored, as they will be different for different types of

Neighbourhoods	City Centre	Unknown	External	Complaint about parking charges steadily increasing since 2008, suggests that it will discourage people from coming in to the city in the evening. Recommends reduced charges and full car parks rather than high charges and half empty ones.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Would like to meet with someone as soon as possible to discuss a possible solution to the closure of Levenshulme baths
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Levenshulme	External	Request to know what provisions will be made for under-eights in Manchester Libraries after March. Praises rhyme and story session at Levenshulme library and explains how these sessions introduce children to the library who will then continue to use it throughout life.
Neighbourhoods	City Centre	Unknown	External	Uses shopmobility to get to work, would not be able to work without this service. Objects to the service being cut as it's a necessity, not a luxury.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - it is a lifeline for our children. Closing the pool reflects a decline, shabbiness, neglect and the start of downward slide in general.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths (One of the few facilities in Levenshulme and is particularly well used by more elderly members of the community) and Arcadia sports centre (roller hockey club brings tremendous prestige to Manchester, centre provides fantastic opportunities for
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - short-sighted choice, negative impact felt by local people will be enormous. Using the Aquatics Centre is not an alternative.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - the proposed saving is pitiful, the pool is in a deprived area and the united response of local people tells you tha this service contributes hugely to integrating the neighbourhood.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - it will hit children, older people, disabled people,. Those with less income - sectinos of the community the Council should be looking after. Health of local community will suffer, baths just need maintenance.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - the Government found £850billion to bail out banks so can afford to keep leisure centres open. Closing such facilities will cause deterioration of communities to such an extent that social order starts to break down.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - provide vital services in an otherwise downbeat area. Council has a duty to promote health and wellbeing of citizens and to ensure that measures taken do not increase inequalities. Will affect house prices and impact economy of the area
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - children learnt to swim there and enjoyed a little independence going on their own which would not have been possible if they'd had to travel further afield. All services in Levenshulme are important to the residents.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - vital to the area and the Council should reconsider as it's one way of keeping the population healthy.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - they provide a reasonably priced and accessible service, have a positive impact on health and wellbeing, one of the few publicly funded spaces where people from the area can meet and socialise, and one of just a handful of historic landmarks left in
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Comments on various aspects of Neighbourhood Services - in support of Sunday parking charges, delivering a GM service makes great sense, fewer waste collections will encourae zero waste to households and supermarkets, commitment to 3rd sector is very positive, impressed by use of library at New East Manchester High School but concerned about competing demands on schools budgets

Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Surestart centre and Levenshulme baths. Runs a voluntary dyslexia screening service from the Wells centre in Clayton but would not be able to provide for free if charged to use an alternative venue. Believes Surestart venues have been successfully in encouraging marginalised people to engage.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - they are a valuable resource used by all ages and people from many backgrounds. Where else will school children learn to swim? Council have not given Levenshulme much over the years, requests further investment in the area.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - suggests closing the pool in quieter times to reduce operational costs. Levenshulme is an area with relatively few assets, requests that Council allows other models for ownership, funding and management of the facility by local people.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - they promote active lifestyles and bring the community together in a convenient location.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - recent maintenance has been insufficient. The centre promotes active lifestyles to you and old and brings the community together. It's affordable in a poor inner city area with little other facilities.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - Levenshulme has few other resources. Most deprived areas should not take the brunt of the cuts, wished to use the antenatal services and teach her children to swim there. Should not ignore the growing issue of obesity and general unfitness. Requested copy of the impact assessment that should have been completed in order to be able to
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - saving of £73k is not logical and would end 100 years of swimming in the village. Will be lost for future generations. Expected MCC to pass a deficit budget in the face of Central Government.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme services - they provide a backbone for residents in a deprived area. Need to access affordable leisure facilities in convenient locations.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Suggestions regarding Manchester's budget: -close some city centre streets to cars and charge for parking outside the city -improvements to recycling in the city, communal waste bins -get minor offenders to clean roads and parks -get companies to open small cafes, etc. in libraries -Use free city centre buses at night and charge a small fee -hold more events at Castlefield arena and Piccadilly Gardens -Encourage more volunteering, but not through the Big Society agenda
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - not a wealthy area of Manchester, don't take away what we already have.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - only pool can get to on foot. Loss of this will impair quality of life and ability to work. Requested info on alternative pools residents can you use and if there will be any reductions in charges to help those who now have to pay bus fares.
Neighbourhoods	City Centre	Unknown	External	More information requested on Sunday parking times and charges
Neighbourhoods	Chorlton Park	Chorlton Park	External	Objection to closure of Barlow Moor library - one of the very few good local resources, could opening hours be reduced instead? Could hours at libraries in more affluent areas be reduced instead? Other libraries are too far away to walk to, and getting their on the bus would cost about £5 for one adult
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - looking forward to attending aquanatal sessions and teaching children how to swim there. It's very popular and well used by local people and a vital
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	"No to Levenshulme baths closure"
Neighbourhoods	Miles Platting And Newton Heath	Miles Platting And Newton Heath	External	Requests confirmation that Miles Platting 'closures' are actually a relocation and confirmation of the Council's commitment that the existing swimming pool and library will not be demolished until the new ones are built.

Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - pools are used all day - suggests money could be made advertising around the pools and by increasing prices slightly.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - using the baths has contributed to low sickness absense saving employer thousands. Other facilities in the city not suitable for frequent users of the baths - not easy to get to and large and busy. Worst kind of short-termism another piece of Manchester's history is lost forever. Suggests Leader should take a pay cut.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Longsight	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - they promote public health and give children a means of recreation.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths, Arcadia centre, Levenshulme library and Sure Start centre. No alternatives in the immediate local area, Levenshulme is acknowledged area of deprivation - swimming pool tackles some of the health inequalities. The services are community hubs - loss of these could have a potentially devastating impact on the sense of community and integration. Savings are derisory compared to what's needed. Withdrawal of funding is a backwards step and is in contradiction of the aims of MCC to improve health and wellbeing. MCC needs to stand with ordinary working people and challenge the unfair settlement from Government.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - they promote active lifestyles, are affordable in an area with few other facilities. It's much used, wanted and needed
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - should be kept for next generations. The Council for years has been ignoring the requirements of Levenshulme.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - over £200,000 has been invested in refurbishing the pool which is indispensible to the local community.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - important community facility.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to keeping Mount St public toilets open when there are 5 other usable toilets in close proximity. Recommends closing them and keeping a library open instead.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Request for information on disestablishing the Youth Service, developing the A6 partnership and retaining the Sure Start services for under 5s. Has been reported on as if decisions have already been made. Aware of lots of positive and contructive imaginative proposals being developed by local
Neighbourhoods	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to withdrawal of funding for Shopmobility. Without it, would be stuck at home, reliant on other people to do shopping and unable to have the social life - quality of life/independence would be greatly reduced.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - much loved and well-used facility, provides network for mums-to-be, has had recent improvements that would be wasted if the pool closes, Levenshulme is in particular need of facilities due to deprivation
Neighbourhoods	Hulme	Unknown	External	Concern about the closure of Hulme library re the building and the future of the mural as it cannot be removed. 700 elderley and disabled housebound users rely on the home visit service as they cannot access local libraries.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - would be disastrous to the area, the people of Levenshulme have had to battle so much to keep what little they have
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to the closure of Levenshulme baths - it's an under-resourced area, people could not afford cost of travelling to other areas to exercise, let alone access issues for older people / children.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Requests info on when the Equality Impact Assessment of closing Levenshulme baths will be
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Miles Platting And Newton Heath	External	Objects to mobile libraries being cut, suggests less frequent visits instead.

Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Concerned about fewer bin collections in areas with HMOs, can exception to fortnightly collections be made?
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to the closure of Levenshulme baths - promote active lifestyles and is used by the whole community. Uses aquanatal classes and want to again in future.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Seeks clarification on whether leisure centres <u>will</u> close or if the Council is seeking alternative management arrangements. Suggests handing 10 Acres Lane to FC United to manage.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - over £200,000 has been invested in refurbishing the pool which would be wasted if it shut. Requests <u>breakdown of how the money was spent</u>
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - shameful to close them, other facilities in the area open to all community are limited. They are essential to the community to allow people to enjoy a slightly better standard of living
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - vital resource, helps arthritis, it builds communities, encourages local spending. The library and bath cuts are in the poorest and most deprived in Mcr, where people will struggle to pay private fees - is this because fewer people will fight in these areas? <u>Its a cynical attempt to avoid confrontation, a departure from the fundamental moral principles of</u>
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - they promote active lifestyles to young and old and bring communities together. Affordable in an area with little other facilities
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - has helped her make friends, disappointed in closure
Neighbourhoods	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of adventure playgrounds - closure would disadvantage my child and those in the area, without which they would cause a nuisance in the area
Neighbourhoods	Miles Platting And Newton Heath	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Miles Platting pool - loss to the area, parents, children. Would like to know what our plans are for the future of pools in the area
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths and library - a life line for the elderly. Cllrs arent being punished - just the old and young - hitting the most vulnerable in the city
Neighbourhoods	City Centre	Unknown	External	Objection to City centre parking charges - believes the plans would have a massive impact on the City Centre residents and would like to know what plans are in place from April 2011 onwards. Feels like there's no escape for City Centre residents, and there's little clarity about the consequences - <u>would like to see a residents scheme established granting exemption.</u>
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - has provided privacy for the mens gay, bisexual and straight naturist group - the Council are taking away their 'accessibility', 'rights' and 'needs' we claim we are committed to
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Sent on behalf of Levenshulme Community Association - Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths. The closure does not offer value for money and will have adverse effects on groups with particular needs. Requests information on local school provision, current usage of the facility, proposed youth work in the area, <u>plans to support the Home Work Club at Levenshulme Library, and details of</u>
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - promotes active lifestyles and brings young and old people together, in an inner city area with limited facilities.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths and Arcadia centre - the aqua natal service supports new mums, enabling socialisation, fitness and good mental health, it is used by all generations, the centre keeps children and dad's fit and crime would increase in Levenshulme if the centre closed. These services are vital to keeping the community positive.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Outside Manchester	External	Objection to close Levenshulme baths and Arcadia. Comments on the Council restoring free swimming passes and then closing the baths to score political points off the Government.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to close Levenshulme baths

Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths and comments the Governing Body of Chapel Street Primary School have not been consulted. Closing the baths will have a negative impact on children's education. All other potential venues are fully subscribed, future SLAs may have to include transport costs which would impact upon number of lessons per child and time spent travelling to alternative venues would result in lost learning time.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closing Levenshulme baths - interested in alternative financial solutions to run of the baths - looking at corporate sponsorship and interested in forming a community trust to maintain and run the baths. Information has not been forthcoming -
Neighbourhoods	Hulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of libraries. Attends Doodle with Dads and other events at Hulme Library. Important for social skills of children and gives children and chance to bond with parents. Parents have chance to meet and discuss things with other parents.
Neighbourhoods	Moston	Moston	External	Letter on behalf of parents using New Moston Library. Objection to closure of story-time sessions. Service offers integration, friendship and education - suggests shutting libraries and Sure Start centres is false economy.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	External	Question about legality of cuts to library services for children. We need to foster a love of reading amongst young people if we are to raise achievement, and the public library service can play an important part in this. Children's library services can also have positive effects on inclusion, leisure, antisocial behaviour and (later in life) on employment prospects and business enterprise.
Neighbourhoods	Chorlton	Chorlton	External	Chorlton baths- kids attend the playscheme. Has a great impact on them. Keeps kids off the streets, reduces, crime. Staff at the centre are great.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Closure of Levenshulme baths- "I believe that the facility is an integral part of the community, a community that is amounts the poorest in Manchester. Although the buildings are in need of investment, I would expect that the Trust responsible for the management would be inventive in seeking funding to address these needs as an alternative to closure. Closure would be devastating
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Petition of 1491 names protesting the closure of Levenshulme baths. Added to; now total is 1506.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths - swimming baths are the single most important thing that Levenshulme has going for it. They are at the heart of our community. They are well-used – by children, families, over 50s and a wide diversity of individual users. They give us exercise, keep us healthy in body and mind. enable us to meet other people in our community, and give our area a
Neighbourhoods	Moston	Unknown	External	Concern about Story Time sessions ending at New Moston Library. Cannot understand why one hour of story telling can not be catered for within the existing budget and working day of the library.
Neighbourhoods	All wards	Unknown	Internal	The use of domestic compactors would result in fewer bin collections and consequent reduction in landfill tax. A reduction in council tax could be offered to encourage use of dc's.
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Save Levenshulme Pools. "Reduced hours were mentioned in last night's Branch meeting, but members were briefed in detail as to the capital and revenue costs of the Pools remaining open. You will have seen the strength of feeling aroused in Levenshulme by the proposal to close the Pools, and although members are aware of the terribly difficult position the Council finds itself in as a result of the funding cuts from the Coalition Government, they share those feelings. It would be very useful to have set out the options that the Executive have considered on this very difficult issue."
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Letter in which she outlines her objections more comprehensively than earlier email (ref 77). Economic, community and health implications of shutting Levenshulme baths.
Neighbourhoods	Northenden	Unknown	External	Requesting clarification whether Rackhouse Library is due to close
Neighbourhoods	Didsbury East	Didsbury East	External	Response to enquiry 57 - stating that the Council is naïve to think that residents will recycle 50% of their rubbish

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Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme swimming baths
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme swimming baths - 500 children from Chapel Street Primary School would not be able to swim if the baths close
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of swimming baths
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of swimming baths - will have to travel far to swim
Neighbourhoods	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of swimming baths - school children need them
Neighbourhoods	Wythenshawe	Wythenshawe	External	Comment on Rackhouse Library - staff are friendly and hopes it doesn't close
Multiple	Levenshulme	Unknown	External	Objection to closures of facilities in Levenshulme - uses library every week, song and story time could not be done by volunteers as the people who run them are highly qualified and experienced. Sure Start is a fabulous place full of hard working professionals - made a huge impact on family's life. Lollipop ladies only cost £10 a day and have a massive effect on society. Take these away and you take away a great, developing community. Would rather pay more taxes.
Multiple	Levenshulme	Gorton South	External	Objection to closures of facilities in Levenshulme - they are essential to the area for people who cannot afford to travel elsewhere. The poorer are getting poorer whilst the richer are not affected.
Multiple	Clayton	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Clayton Sure Start and library - don't take into account the danger of crossing Alan Turing Way to get to an alternative library. Vulnerable sections of the community are being left to wither on the vine.
Multiple	All wards	Unknown	External	Concern about closure of Manchester Advice - will put pressure on other provision. No more scope for accessing affordable training packages currently delivered by Mcr Advice. Asks whether an impact assessment has been undertaken. Youth Targeted services - better to put money on early intervention rather than statutory intervention at a later stage. 3rd sector - need to ensure vital services are not lost - wants to know what steps are being taken to minimise risk to the voluntary sector due to the tight timescales.
Multiple	All wards	Gorton South	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths,. Suggests cutting funding to Manchester Day, City Centre library and pension benefits of staff instead.
Multiple	Clayton	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of Clayton Sure Start and library - integral facility closure of which would devastate and dishearten the community. Looking into a cash grant to ensure future of the library.
Multiple	Clayton	Clayton	External	Objection to closure of Clayton Sure Start and library - wants to know why her council tax remains the same when these cuts (and police cuts) are taking place. She cannot go back to work if the SureStart Centre closes
Multiple	Levenshulme	Levenshulme	External	Objection to closure of Levenshulme baths and sure start - SureStart provides a significant guidance tool for new parents of all backgrounds and opportunities to access support networks - believes there is a dire need for affordable childcare in the area. Absurd to consider closing the pool in an area with a higher than average risk of mortality from deprivation diseases such as heart disease. Both
Multiple	All wards	Unknown	External	Objection to closure of pools, sure start centres and libraries - closures will cause the destruction of communities.
Multiple	All wards	Unknown	External	Various cuts, salaries - management is top heavy, the Chief Executive should not be paid more than the Prime Minister, Councillor expenses should be frozen and committees could be merged, contracts and tenders should be re-looked at to get value for money, local neighbourhood services/enforcement reduction within the private sector stock is concerning.
Multiple	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Questions and comments from INA/T/SS Team (Children's Services) - agree with the overall priorities but some questions around how the proposals will work in practice

Multiple	All wards	Unknown	External	Appalled at cuts proposed for Manchester Advice. Not true that a new voluntary sector advice service can take at least some of the clients- this service doesn't exist. Also asking the Council not to close the youth service; just offering £1m to voluntary and private sector organisations is not going
Multiple	All wards	Unknown	External	Increasing hours of parking charging will discourage the public from going into the city. More likely to go to shopping centres like the Trafford Centre. Changes in waste collection will affect businesses and flats, can services be joined with other local councils? Surestart facilities important as prevent problems in school and health leater on. How much money wil shutting public toilets save? Surely they're needed if the city continues to do big events like MIF?
Multiple	All wards	Unknown	External	Question about why we can't spend the 'nest egg' Question about why leadership wages are so high Question about why labour councils are cutting more jobs than Lib Dem/Tory councils Question about whether Manchester received disproportionate amount of funding
Multiple	N/A	Unknown	External	Agreeing with proposals to end Manchester People and other publications, transferring children's centres to other providers, outsourcing services and closing Manchester Advice. Proposes transferring library services to private sector, increasing parking charges, cutting salaries of senior officers and selling off council land and properties and leasing suitable office space.
Multiple	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Questions about how vulnerable people will be affected, where people will get help and advice, how the voluntary sector will be able to provide when grants are being cut, where the private sector jobs are going to come from, where will young people go as youth centres close, the health impacts of closing swimming pools, and how the proposals fit in with VOP
Multiple	All wards	Unknown	External	Request for information on how much money is spent on immigrants - education, translation, housing benefits and child benefit for here and any benefit sent abroad
Multiple	N/A	Unknown	External	Making the Council aware that implementing some of the proposals could be in breach of the Vulnerable Groups Act, the Equalities Act and the Disabled Discrimination Act. Also makes several suggestions for cost savings (stop mowing grass, put up rents on Council owned buildings, cut street lighting, increase fines for illegally using disabled parking bays, reduce building maintenance, sell books at libraries, put schools into private hands) and examples of where these have been done
politically motivated cuts	All wards	Unknown	External	Hulme Green Party believes the budget proposals suggested by the Council starts in the wrong place. Cutting frontline services and creating unemployment only adds to the problems created by this Coalition Government. This Council should not be scaring their staff into unemployment by forcing unfair redundancy packages on them.
politically motivated cuts	All wards	Gorton North	External	Cannot understand closing libraries and swimming pools whilst still financing events, calls on the Council to be radical and not to apologise for their actions. Approves of 41% management cuts. Suggests ignoring central government, being made bankrupt and looking to the country to bail us out
politically motivated cuts	N/A	Unknown	External	Labour Party member living in Cambridge - believes the cuts to be politically motivated, suggests getting people involved, embracing the Big Society
politically motivated cuts	N/A	Cheetham	External	Suggests cuts are politically motivated, recommends reducing spend to just essentials, asks for an explanation of the cost of the THCTP and recommends changes to charging as per what works in the rest of Europe.
politically motivated cuts	All wards	Outside Manchester	External	making a political point out of the spending cuts instead of targeting the right areas, offering his own support as a Chartered Accountant for free. Need to stop sacking librarians and other customer facing services and tackle the back office and Chief Exec's pay.

politically motivated cuts	All wards	Unknown	External	Wants to know why Council Tax won't be reduced if services are being cut (i.e. closing libraries, swimming pools, waste collection reduction). Suggest the public are funding the Government's/Council's poor financial decisions.
politically motivated cuts	Bradford	Unknown	Internal	Wants to know why the City of Manchester stadium isn't being sold, and suggests buying supplies from Asda rather than suppliers that charge a fortune.
politically motivated cuts	N/A	Unknown	External	Political motivation of cuts - are we trying to keep the North West a 'grim as you like' outlook based on bitter resentment of the past (under a Labour gov)?
staff/councillor costs	All wards	Unknown	External	Is your Chief Exec really worth £230,000 per annum? Come on, get real.
staff/councillor costs	N/A	Unknown	External	Query why senior staff aren't taking pay cuts, and suggests 'lead by example' and 'we are all in this together' couldn't be further from the truth.
staff/councillor costs	N/A	Unknown	External	Reply to Query why senior staff aren't taking pay cuts
staff/councillor costs	N/A	Unknown	External	Drawing attention to the fact that members' allowances have not been cut, and that in these days of austerity it is not acceptable. Also draws attention to members of the same family claiming
staff/councillor costs	N/A	Hulme	External	Lists some members allowances and suggests they put their duty to the people who elected them before their pocket. Lists jobs believed to be irrelevant and superfluous (Climate Change Officer, Twitter and Facebook Tsar, Nuclear Researcher, Corporate Lead Officer for Lesbian Issues / Gay Men's Issues) - do we really need these more than librarians, swimming pool attendants and lollipop ladies who help many members of the community, not a minority. Also says refurbishing THX should wait until finances are better placed.
staff/councillor costs	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Would like to see a proposal, seriously discussed with staff which proportionately reduced salaries and councillor expenses.
staff/councillor costs	All wards	Unknown	Internal	Request for management to take pay cuts and not be dismissed as 'tokenism'. Would make a difference to front line staff to believe we're all in this together.
staff/councillor costs	All wards	Ancoats and Clayton	External	Suggests it is past bad management responsible for the cuts. Suggests Chief Exec and senior managers take pay cut to save a library facing closure.
staff/councillor costs	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Suggests discussion with staff about proportionate pay cuts would be preferable to resorting to compulsory redundancies if necessary after this round of voluntary severance.
staff/councillor costs	N/A	Unknown	Internal	Suggestions about Councillor allowances and staff salaries - reduce Cllrs allowances and those earning over £50k - it would save money and show solidarity
staff/councillor costs	All wards	Unknown	External	Comments on mismanaged finances and high salaries at the Council - executives should take a massive pay cut.