

**Appendix 2a
Shaping the Council 2015-16 and beyond
Preliminary Savings Proposal**

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Savings Proposal

Cease grant funding to TransVol to provide transport for those with mobility impairment.

Strategic rationale

TransVol is a charity which aims to address areas of social exclusion by providing transport to people who, for whatever reason, are unable to access public transport. Whilst the Transport Act 1985 gives Thurrock BC the statutory obligation of 'considering unmet travel needs', the Council is not obliged to provide public transport as such. Furthermore, the majority of service users will be in receipt of Personal Independence Payments which could be used to procure the services they require from the private sector

Approximate Cost Savings

£100k

Timescales

Activity	Timescale
Engage with Social Services to establish the adequacy of the local private sector service offering. If necessary, facilitate mitigation package with client representatives and private sector providers.	3 months
Notice period to TransVol	1 year
Inform client groups of new arrangements	3 months

Risks /Consequences

The client groups for this service are the most vulnerable in the Borough. The impact will fall disproportionately on clients in rural areas.

Mitigation

It may be possible for community groups or organisations such as Age UK to negotiate preferential rates with local Private or Third Sector suppliers, including TransVol.

Next steps – Service ownership and Board Scrutiny & Challenge

Step	Service	Board Scrutiny & Challenge
Discuss proposals with Social Services and User Group representatives.	Transportation & Highways	