Budget Development Process 2012/13 -2014/15 Savings/Income Generation Options

Savings Option	Instrumental Instruction

Directorate	Education Services

Service Area & ABB Link	Education – Cross-Sectoral – Musical Instruction

Narrative Description of Savings Option

2013/14 - To find a saving of £120k through income generation would require the service to ask families for a financial contribution of £200 per year towards the cost of lessons (currently £130).

The figure of £120k could be achieved if families of 1600 pupils (Primary 6 to Secondary 6) were to contribute £200 each. This could be achieved through offering families the opportunity to spread the cost through 10 direct debit payments of £20. Other modest income generation (possibly £10K) may be achieved through the hire of instruments.

To take account of Service availability, e.g. adverse weather, staff sickness, school excursions, it is proposed that a commitment would be made to provide a minimum of 30 lessons per annum for this charge.

Benchmarking information on the level of charges across Scotland has been sought from a number of authorities. The method of delivery and charging policies across all authorities varies significantly.

- One of the eight authorities we approached still provided tuition free of charge.
- For those authorities who did charge, the current charges range from £150pa to £340pa.
- Two of the seven authorities that do charge for tuition provide SQA tuition free of charge.

Free Instrumental Instruction would continue to be provided for those families meeting the eligibility criteria.

Savings/Income Generation Option Amounts	
2012/13:	£0
2013/14:	£120,000
2014/15:	£120,000

Details on the Calculation of Savings Option Amounts

This saving assumes 1600 pupils take up Instrumental Instruction (this is slightly lower than current take up)

1600 pupils x £70 (difference between proposed charge of £200 less current charge of £130) = **£112,000**

The remaining £8,000 is anticipated to be made up from Instrument Hire/Lease Charges.

Details on Staffing Implications and how this will be managed
There would be implications for staff if financial savings targets were not achieved through income generation.

Issues/Concerns Regarding Deliverability of Indicated Savings
Various payment options are available and efficient administration of the Service should assist deliverability of saving. Due to increased charges the service may no longer be affordable to families, therefore pupil numbers may drop. This will then result in saving not being met without further efficiencies.

Risk Effect Assessment	
	Potential Effect
Effect on Service User	**3**
Some families might see the service as unaffordable	
Effect on Staff	**2**
Need to have more flexible approaches to the needs of the service e.g. Video conferencing	
Effect on Other Council Services	**1**
None	
Effect on Council's Agreed Priorities	**1**
N/A	
Effect on ability to attract External Funding	**1**
No external funding available.	
Total Potential Effect	**8**
Only Year 1 savings options require to be Impact Assessed at this time.	
Measures to Reduce/Address Risks and Minimise Any Negative Impacts	
With the team of senior instructors and the administration of efficient management and delivery of the service the level of savings is expected to be achieved.	