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**Original LGOIMA Request:**

Please provide specific information including figures on the expected cost savings from current councils expenditure after implementation of the transformation process. I would like details, for example on what savings are expected by amalgamation of separate departments and what savings are forecast from moving to the new digital systems

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**Official LGOIMA Response:**

Pursuant to Section 17(e) LGOIMA 'the information requested does not exist' therefore cannot be supplied at this stage.

Transformation has never been just about cutting budgets. Changing how Council works internally is about increasing our effectiveness and efficiency. Part of this will bring about smaller staff numbers as well as reduced office rental costs. But our community should see other improvements too such as how we deal with customers and how we deliver for different communities in the district.

We want to be able to do more with what we already have, and that will mean reduced future cost, and reduced future rate rises as a result.

We're mid-way through the organisational design change and have already reduced FTE numbers at Council. The true effect of transformation and savings will be seen in the budgets and operating costs we set for the new departments and teams next year and in our Long Term Plan.

One thing we will be saving is your time. Our new online platforms are going to make it even easier to get things done with Council, and we look forward to sharing more about that next year.