

Rated 'GOOD' by the Audit Commission

Appendix 6

Project/Item	Reduction in repairs and maintenance budgets.
Date	26 th January 2011
Brief Description	 The Council currently has a building repairs and maintenance budget of £200k pa. The proposal is to reduce this budget by 7.5% in 2011/12 increasing to 15% thereafter. The rationale for this reduction proposal is: A £200k pa capital improvement plan has been in place for the last 5 yrs following a stock condition survey of Council property assets Continuity of a capital improvement programme (albeit capital resources are also under pressure) Recent disposal of Bacup Leisure Hall Proposals involving the future use of Ski Rossendale Proposed new improvements to leisure facilities (Marl Pits & Haslingden Sports Centre) including the decommissioning of Haslingden swimming pool Recent capital improvements at Henrietta Street Depot.
Recommendation	Reduce the overall repair and maintenance budget by 7.5% resulting in : 1 - Budget saving of £15.2k in 2011/12 2 - Rising to £30.2k pa thereafter.
Identify Risk	 Member and public expectations for general facilities maintenance given reduced resources Lack of resources in times of extreme circumstances or events. The stock condition survey work is now due for a refresh. This may identify work which is outside revised budget resources.