**Backwell Recycling Centre**

Dear Member

This is a very brief bulletin on a single topic, which only came to light yesterday with a posting on the North Somerset Council (NSC) website.

North Somerset Council has been preparing its draft budget for the financial year 2023/24, which starts next April. A shortfall of £17m has been identified. Officers and Councillors have been working on draft plans to close this gap, principally by cutting costs, but also raising income where it can.

**An extensive list of ways of closing this gap has been produced, but even with this, there is a remaining gap of £4m.**

**The future of the Backwell Recycling Centre is part of agenda item 11, to be discussed at the meeting of the NSC Executive Committee on Wednesday 7th December at 6pm**

The introduction to the Budget Shortfall on the NSC website is given below:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/news/tough-decisions-ahead-close-budget-gap-north-somerset>

The agenda for the meeting can be viewed by going to the link “on the council’s website”, which is on the 3rd line up from the end of this introduction.

If you click on item 11 of the agenda, 24 pages of possible savings are given.

On page 22 there is a table which has the following entry:

**PD2 Close Backwell Recycling Centre £300,000 (saving in 2023/24)**

At the moment, BRA has no details on this proposal, but we presume it will mean that the only recycling centres in North Somerset will be at Portishead and Weston. This will no doubt create strong feelings in Backwell.

We will be in touch with members when we have more information. Your committee thought members should know asap that this option is under consideration.