

APPENDIX A

Liberal Democrat Amendment Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Amendment to Item 15 - Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Proposed by Councillor Vinson:

Amend recommendation (iii) to replace Appendix 2 which sets out proposals for efficiencies, income and service reductions for approval with Annex 1 to this Amendment.

Add recommendations (viii) to (xi) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) Notes the Consultation process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (ii) Notes the Equality Impact Assessment process that was followed as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (iii) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- (iv) Notes the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as detailed in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (v) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to action all budget changes arising from the approved efficiencies, income and service reductions and incorporate any other approved amendments into the General Fund estimates.
- (vi) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £5.3M at the end of 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 30 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (vii) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda as amended by this Amendment.
- (viii) Approves the spending initiatives set out in Annex 2 to this Amendment.
- (ix) Approves the changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment.
- (x) Notes the overall impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 4 to this Amendment on the budget in 2012/13.
- (xi) Notes that the overall impact of the proposals, as set out in Annex 1, 2 and 3 to this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast is to increase the budget gap in 2014/15 and 2015/16, as shown in Annex 5 to this Amendment.

SUMMARY OF EFFICIENCIES AND SERVICE REDUCTIONS

New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	At Risk	Vacant	Senior Manager
				£000's	£000's	£000's	FTE	FTE	
<u>Adult Services - Efficiencies</u>									
AS 1	Across Portfolio	Joint/integrated commissioning and service remodelling with Adults Social Care/SCPCT/ with other authorities	To cover efficiency savings in contracts and Community Care micro-commissioning spend.	(200)	(200)	(200)			Stephanie Ramsey
AS 2	Directors Office	Accumulation of various minor under spends in 11/12 that are recurring.	Reduces the flexibility of the Portfolio to offset potential overspends on demand led services.	(307)	(360)	(360)			Margaret Geary
			Sub-total	(307)	(560)	(560)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Adult Services - Income</u>									
AS 3	Adult Disability Care Services	To increase income from clients in residential and non residential care through altering the charging policy and becoming more efficient with billing arrangements.	This charge will be paid only by those people who can afford to pay. Others will stay on the same charge. This brings the short stay charging on to an equitable footing with the long stay clients.	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	Carol Valentine
			Sub-total	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	
			Adult Services Portfolio Total	(307)	(560)	(560)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Children's Services - Efficiencies</u>									
CS 1	Commissioning Policy & Performance	Commissioning	Efficiencies and changes in Prevention & Inclusion contractual arrangements	(400)	(400)	(400)			Alison Alexander
			Sub-total	0	(400)	(400)	0.00	0.00	
			Children's Services Portfolio Total	0	(400)	(400)	0.00	0.00	

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<u>Environment & Transport - Income</u>									
E&T 1	Planning, Transport & Sustainability	Additional income from infrastructure charges (admin fees)	New proposal reflects Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Guidance. Yield is uncertain and will depend on market recovery.	(50)	(90)	(90)			Paul Nichols
Sub-total				0	(50)	(90)	0.00	0.00	
Environment & Transport Portfolio Total				0	(50)	(90)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Housing & Leisure Services- Efficiencies</u>									
HLS 1	Parks & Street Cleansing	Efficiency improvements to the specialist sports pitch maintenance team.	Integrate supervision and provide Pitch & Putt, football and cricket pitch maintenance in district parks by peripatetic teams rather than staff based directly in all the venues.	(21)	(21)	(21)		1.00	Jon Dyer-Slade
HLS 2	Major Projects	Removal of funding for Olympics and Titanic events after 2012	Series of events / activities planned leading up to the April Titanic Centenary Commemorations and London Olympics in 2012. Funding is not required post the events. No impact anticipated.	(60)	(60)	(60)			Mike Harris
HLS 3	Sport & Recreation	Efficiencies from Sports & Recreation Partnership	Efficiencies from Sports & Recreation Partnership alternative management arrangements	(76)	(76)	(76)			Mike Harris
HLS 4	Housing Needs	Reassessment of split of costs between the HRA and the GF	Based on a reassessment of staff allocation to activities and the allocation of the cost of activities to the GF the HRA will pick up a larger share of the costs of non-statutory homelessness support.	(120)	(120)	(120)			Nick Cross
Sub-total				0	(277)	(277)	0.00	1.00	
Housing & Leisure Services - Service Reductions									
HLS 5	Sport & Recreation	Close Oaklands Pool	Removal of subsidy to operate Oaklands swimming pool						Mike Harris
Sub-total				0	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Housing & Leisure Services Portfolio Total				0	(277)	(277)	0.00	1.00	

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<u>Leader's - Efficiencies</u>									
LEAD 1	Across Portfolio	Rationalisation of supplies and services budgets	None - Savings achieved through aggregation and increased control	(20)	(20)	(20)			Mark Heath
Sub-total				(20)	(20)	(20)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Leader's - Income</u>									
LEAD 2	Economic Development	Increase in market income	Negotiated under a new contract.		(14)	(14)			Barbara Compton
Sub-total				0	(14)	(14)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Leader's - Service Reductions</u>									
LEAD 3	Corporate Communications	Withdrawal of current subsidy for City View.	Consider ways in which City View can become self funding. This would include exploring development of digital channels as a key tool for resident communication, complemented by printed material as necessary. Savings of £36,000 from 2013/14 and staffing impact to be confirmed by mid October.		(36)	(36)	1.00		Ben White
LEAD 4	Corporate Communications	Remove one Media Officer post	Loss of some proactive capacity - would aim to reduce media monitoring to mitigate		(26)	(26)		1.00	Ben White
Sub-total				0	(62)	(62)	1.00	1.00	
Leader's Portfolio Total				(20)	(96)	(96)	1.00	1.00	

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				£000's	£000's	£000's	FTE	FTE	FTE
<u>Resources - Efficiencies</u>									
RES 1	Capita Partnership Costs	Reduced interest payments	None - Part of contract structure and also due to lower interest rates	(100)	(100)	(100)			John Spiers
RES 2	Organisational Review	Management Restructure	Earlier achievement of approved savings within the Corporate Services Directorate as a consequence of the restructure affecting Management and PA's, Phase 2 of which was implemented in November 2011	(93)			1.00		Mark Heath
RES 3	Finance Service	Reduced External Audit Fees	None - Savings achieved following tendering of service	(150)	(150)	(150)			Andy Lowe
RES 4	Across Portfolio	Rationalisation of supplies and services budgets	None - Savings achieved through aggregation and increased control	(50)	(50)	(50)			Mark Heath
RES 5	Admin Buildings	Reduction in buildings occupied	Savings arising from the current approved accommodation strategy relating to the planned vacation of buildings and rationalisation of accommodation			(500)			John Spiers
RES 6	Admin Buildings	Review of Town Sergeant functions	Review of Reception duties and Senior Town Sergeant role	(13)	(38)	(38)	1.00		John Spiers
RES 7	Admin Buildings	Review of Business Support Posts & Operations Manager	As a result of the downsizing of Civic Buildings, and streamlining of service delivery, a reduction in the amount of business support required for the Civic Buildings Team. Possible outsourcing/transfer of ID card admin, but requires more detailed investigation.		(21)	(21)	1.00		John Spiers
Sub-total				(406)	(359)	(859)	1.00	2.00	

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New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	At Risk FTE	Vacant FTE	Senior Manager
RES 8	Admin Buildings	Reduction of supplies, services and maintenance budgets	A future approved reduction in budgets maintaining Civic Buildings, where there is discretionary spend e.g. legal and policy compliance works, Fire Refuge works, toilet refurbishments (for H&S and DDA reasons), redecorations, recarpetting, wayfinding and information boards, furniture and security equipment purchase and maintenance can be achieved in 2012/13.	(100)					John Spiers
Sub-total				(100)	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Resources Portfolio Total				(506)	(359)	(859)	1.00	2.00	
GRAND TOTAL				(833)	(1,742)	(2,282)	2.00	4.00	

Resources - Service Reductions

SUMMARY OF SPENDING INITIATIVES

Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's	Head of Service
	<u>Adult Services Portfolio</u>							
NEW a	Adult Social Care Reablement	Adult Social Care Reablement	To rise to £400,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	200	400	400		Margaret Geary
		Adult Services Portfolio Total		200	400	400	0	
	<u>Children's Services Portfolio</u>							
NEW b	Children's Services Safeguarding	Children's Services Safeguarding	Addition of resources to address prevention, inclusion and safeguarding through the Families Matter project. To rise to £500,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	200	400	400		Felicity Budgen
		Children's Services Portfolio Total		200	400	400	0	
	<u>Communities Portfolio</u>							
NEW c	Economic Development	Planning Enforcement	Planning Enforcement. To retain 4th (HMO Specialist) Development Control officer to £35,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		35	35		Paul Nichols
		Communities Portfolio Total		0	35	35	0	
		GRAND TOTAL		400	835	835	0	

CHANGES TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	2012/13	
	Remove	Add
	£000's	£000's
<u>Environment & Transport Portolio</u>		
Cycleways		250
<u>Leader's Portolio</u>		
Demolition of Eastpoint	(250)	
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	(250)	250
Net Impact		<hr/>
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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP PROPOSALS
AMENDMENTS TO 'CHANGES TO EXISTING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS' PAPERS

REF.		2012/13	
		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
	<u>Section A - Spending Initiatives</u>		
NEW a	Adult Social Care Re-Ablement. To rise to £400,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		200.0
NEW b	Children's Services. Addition of resources to address prevention, inclusion and safeguarding through the Families Matter project. To rise to £400,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		200.0
	<u>Section B - Additional Savings</u>		
NEW a	Release of DRF from Balances for Civic Centre refurbishment replaced by Asset Sales or borrowing as necessary	(2,301.3)	
	<u>Section C - Balances</u>		
	Increased Contribution to Balances		1,901.3
		(2,301.3)	2,301.3
	Net Gap / (Surplus)		0.0

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's
Roll Forward Gap (Paragraph 27)	28,000.5	43,226.2	57,746.0
Savings Proposals	(1,997.0)	(2,537.0)	(2,537.0)
Contribution To Balances From 2012/13 Savings	(833.0)		
Revised Current Gap	25,170.5	40,689.2	55,209.0
Proposed Terms & Conditions Changes	645.0	1,493.0	2,230.0
Potential Gap if Proposed Settlement is Agreed	25,815.5	42,182.2	57,439.0
Additional Capital Financing Costs due to removal of DRF	255.7	255.7	255.7
Spending Initiatives	835.0	835.0	
Changes to Savings Proposals	255.0	255.0	255.0
Contribution From Balances to Support Initiatives	(1,345.7)	(555.6)	
Revised Gap	25,815.5	42,972.3	57,949.7
Increase in Revised Gap	0.0	790.1	510.7

