

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2013/14

The City Council is asked to consider the following amendments to the Executive's budget proposal contained in Minute EX005/13, Executive Response to the Budget Consultation and Recommendations for the 2013/14 Budget (Key Decision).

Conservative Group Proposed Amendment No. 1

Kerbside Recycling:

To provide additional capital funding of £30,000 and recurring revenue funding of £66,000 (subject to contract negotiations with Council's contractor) in 2013/14 onwards to provide kerbside recycling facilities to new housing estates and other areas which do not currently receive card, plastic and glass recycling services. This proposal is to be funded by deleting the Arts Centre scheme, pending further investigation of the impact of recent announcements made by alternative providers in respect of Arts provision.

Proposed by: Cllr J Mallinson

Seconded by: Cllr J Collier

Director of Resources Comments and Impact on the Executive's budget proposals:

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be a net reduction of £63,000 in the recurring budget for 2013/14; £38,000 in 2014/15 and with a reduction of £93,000 from 2015/16 onwards. There will be a corresponding increase in the level of overall Council reserves available.

The proposal has no impact on the level of Council Tax increase proposed by the Executive.

The proposal will reduce the 2013/14 – 2015/16 Capital Programme proposed by the Executive by £220,000, £161,000 and £175,000 respectively.

The amendment will result in the following main changes to the Executive's Revenue Budget proposals for 2013/14 as set out in Minute EX005/13:

Schedule 3 – Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be a net reduction in recurring budget pressures of £63,000 in 2013/14; £38,000 in 2014/15; and £93,000 in 2015/16 onwards.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would not change however there would be a change in the individual recurring spending pressures proposed.
- Contributions to reserves in respect of recurring commitments will increase by £63,000, £38,000 and £93,000 in years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 onwards.

Schedule 8 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- The proposed capital programme for 2013/14 would reduce by £220,000 to £9,060,000; reduce by £161,000 to £4,480,000 in 2014/15; and reduce by £175,000 to £12,610,000 in 2015/16.

Schedule 9 - Summary Capital Resources Statement

- The level of capital resources will increase by £556,000 and will stand at £1,078,000 by 2017/18.

Conservative Group Proposed Amendment No. 2

Litter picking:

To provide recurring financial support of £85,000 for an environmental team to resource litter picking on principal routes leading into Carlisle. This proposal is to be funded by deleting the Arts Centre scheme, pending further investigation of the impact of recent announcements made by alternative providers in respect of Arts provision.

Proposed by: Cllr B Craig

Seconded by: Cllr P Nedved

Director of Resources Comments and Impact on the Executive's budget proposals:

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be a net reduction of £44,000 in the recurring budget for 2013/14; £19,000 in 2014/15 and with a reduction of £74,000 from 2015/16 onwards. There will be a corresponding increase in the level of overall Council reserves available.

The proposal has no impact on the level of Council Tax increase proposed by the Executive.

The proposal will reduce the 2013/14 – 2015/16 Capital Programme proposed by the Executive by £250,000, £161,000 and £175,000 respectively.

The amendment will result in the following main changes to the Executive's Revenue Budget proposals for 2013/14 as set out in Minute EX005/13:

Schedule 3 – Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be a net reduction in recurring budget pressures of £44,000 in 2013/14; £19,000 in 2014/15; and £74,000 in 2015/16 onwards.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would not change however there would be a change in the individual recurring spending pressures proposed.
- Contributions to reserves in respect of recurring commitments will increase by £44,000, £19,000 and £74,000 in years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 onwards.

Schedule 8 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- The proposed capital programme for 2013/14 would reduce by £250,000 to £9,030,000; reduce by £161,000 to £4,480,000 in 2014/15; and reduce by £175,000 to £12,610,000 in 2015/16.

Schedule 9 - Summary Capital Resources Statement

- The level of capital resources will increase by £586,000 and will stand at £1,108,000 by 2017/18.

Conservative Group Proposed Amendment No. 3

CCTV:

To invest in alternative delivery of the CCTV service with a longer term view of retaining more CCTV cameras with 3G networking to improve desk top data access. This proposal would include the acceptance of the non-recurring £100,000 offered by the Police Commissioner, match funded by the residual CCTV budget available in 2013/14.

Proposed by: Cllr M Mitchelson

Seconded by: Cllr S Layden

Director of Resources Comments and Impact on the Executive's budget proposals:

There are no consequences of accepting this amendment on the Council's revenue budget or on Council Revenue Reserves. This is a non-recurring proposal only with long term funding to maintain the additional cameras required from partner organisations.

The proposal has no impact on the level of Council Tax increase proposed by the Executive.

The proposal has no impact on the Capital Programme proposed by the Executive.

The amendment will result in the following main changes to the Executive's Revenue Budget proposals for 2013/14 as set out in Minute EX005/13:

Schedule 2 – Proposed Budget Reductions

- There would be an increase in non-recurring budget reductions, increasing by £100,000 to £397,000 in 2013/14.

Schedule 4 – Non-recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in non-recurring budgets, increasing by £100,000 to £1,191,000 in 2013/14.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would not change however there would be an increase of £100,000 in non-recurring budget reductions with a corresponding increase in spending pressures.

Conservative Group Proposed Amendment No. 4

Grants to Third Party Organisations:

To provide financial support to the:

- (1) Credit Union (£5,000), to fund a publicity campaign against loan sharks and pay day loans;
- (2) Carlisle Churches Together (£5,000), in supporting their homelessness initiatives.

This proposal is to be funded from council reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr J Bainbridge

Seconded by: Cllr G Ellis

Director of Resources Comments and Impact on the Executive's budget proposals:

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be an increase in the Council's non-recurring revenue budget for 2013/14 of £10,000 per annum. There will be an equivalent reduction in the level of overall Council reserves available.

The proposal has no impact on the level of Council Tax increase proposed by the Executive.

The proposal has no impact on the Capital Programme proposed by the Executive.

The amendment will result in the following main changes to the Executive's Revenue Budget proposals for 2013/14 as set out in Minute EX005/13:

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non- Recurring Budget Pressures, increasing by £10,000 in 2013/14 to £1,101,000.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £10,000 in 2013/14. Contributions from Reserves to fund Non Recurring Commitments would increase by £10,000 to £776,000.

Schedule 10 – Council Reserve Projections

- There would be a reduction in overall Projects Reserve projections of £10,000 to be in a surplus position of £2,505,000 by 2017/18.

Procedure Note:

The financial effect of each **individual** amendment is as set out in the amendment presented. However if Council proposed any **combination** of amendments to the Executive budget proposals, then there would be a cumulative effect on the budget and reserves.

Before any amendment is voted on, the Council will give the Director of Resources an opportunity to address the meeting to explain, if necessary, the effect of the proposed amendment under consideration and the cumulative impact of any previous amendments before the vote is taken. They may also agree to an adjournment to enable Members to consider the Director of Resources advice prior to the vote on any amendment.

The procedure, should any amendment be carried, is set out in full at Agenda Item 9 (5) paragraph 3.9 to 3.11.