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From:

Sent: 07 January 2022 11:41

To: Communications <Communications@carlisle.gov.uk>

Subject: CITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2022-23

I'm pleased to see that the council is NOT proposing any increase in Residential Rates for the forthcoming year.

As a local resident I am concerned that the use of the Carlisle Enterprise Centre on James Street has fallen dramatically over the last year or so. Two major users have moved out. On speaking to them they have gone to cheaper facilities. I thought the idea of the Enterprise Centre was to encourage start ups with low rents and shared facilities to keep costs down. However if people are moving out because there are cheaper alternatives then something is wrong with the councils strategy.

As with most things 'Council' there seems to be no flexibility for the Centre manager to offer space at lower rents. The centre needs to be at least 75% occupied to make it viable and bring in the return it should to support the Council. 'Something is better than nothing' so let the manager do just that and manage without their hands being tied.

Look forward to some response.

From: >

Sent: 17 January 2022 08:33

To: Communications <Communications@carlisle.gov.uk>

Subject: Budget - Mental Health Services

Good morning,

I wasn't entirely sure where to direct this email as I more wanted to have a discussion about our local Mental Health provisions, however money is most often the limiting factor in the availability of such services, so it seems relevant to mention my suggestion in the context of the budget.

I currently work for Victim Support, as an ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advisor) in Carlisle. A large part of my job is referring clients to mental health services & I am appalled by the sheer lack of provisions & the unacceptable wait times for those that do exist. Minimum wait times for first steps have been 3 months, and average wait times for safety net 12 months!

To put it plain & simple, we NEED more services & a greater variety of free/subsidised services. We need these services not just for the good of the community but also to increase productivity & the economic output of our residents.

A 2016 report from the Office of National Statistics said 11.5% (15.8 million hours) of the total number of sick days taken nationwide were due to mental health issues.

The Centre For Mental Health calculated that in 2017, mental ill health in the workforce cost employers £35 Billion nationwide. These costs were broken down into:

£10.6 billion in sickness absence;

£21.2 billion in reduced productivity at work, or 'presenteeism'

£3.1 billion in replacing staff who leave their jobs because of their mental health.

These are but a few statistics I quickly found which briefly indicate the great economic impact mental health issues pose.

I sincerely hope you consider improving mental health provisions in the upcoming budget.

Kind regards

From:

Sent: 17 January 2022 16:13

To: Communications <Communications@carlisle.gov.uk>

Cc: Jason Gooding <Jason.Gooding@carlisle.gov.uk>

Subject: Consultation on Budget 2022-23

Good Afternoon,

Following the period of consultation, which ends today on the budget of Carlisle City Council 2022-23, I hope that the following areas may be given attention:-

1. Capital Investment into play areas- given a number of play areas are requiring upgrading and the importance of play areas as family recreation space, particularly post COVID-19, whether the City Council can allocate additional funding to bring play areas in need up to modern standards.
2. Jubilee - given the recently announced Jubilee weekend, whether the Council can allocate a specific additional amount to the events budget to enable a related series of events to occur, and perhaps an additional supplement to Member's allowances for the part funding of Jubilee events in a Member's ward.
3. Parking - given the present situation of the High Street and the need to attract residents and prospective businesses into the City Centre, whether the present parking offer in the City Centre can be revised with a view to increasing footfall.
4. Whether given present levels of ASB in the City Centre, there could be funding to support groups such as the Carlisle Retailers Against Crime.

Regards