

**LABOUR GROUP PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2006/07**

The City Council is asked to consider the following amendments to the Executive's budget proposal contained in Minute EX007.06, Executive Response to the Budget Consultation and Recommendations for the 2006/07 Budget (Key Decision).

**Labour Group Proposed Budget Amendment 1**

**Legal and Democratic Services Administrative post:**

To fund a one year contract (£17,000) to be financed from Council Reserves, pending proposals on how to incorporate the workload of the post to support members, within the organisation structure.

Proposed by: Cllr H Bradley

Seconded by: Cllr C Weber

**Director of Corporate Services Comments and Impact on the Executive's budget proposals:**

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be a non-recurring increase in the Council's revenue budget for 2006/07 only, to be funded from Council reserves. There will be an equivalent reduction in the level of Council reserves available in future years.

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 2006/07 as set out in Minute EX007.06 (as revised):

**Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Spending Pressures**

- Non-Recurring Spending Proposals for 2006/07 would increase by £17,000 to £309,000

**Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement**

- Contributions from General Fund Reserves to fund non-recurring New Commitments would increase by £17,000 to £219,000 in 2006/07.

**Schedule 10 – Usable Reserve Projections**

- There would be a reduction in overall Projects Reserve projections of £17,000 to £187,000 in 2008/09.

## Labour Group Proposed Amendment No. 2

### **Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act:**

A non-recurring revenue sum of £100,000 to provide additional resources to enhance standards under the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act. This to be financed from Council Reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr C Rutherford

Seconded by: Cllr P Im Thurn

### **Director of Corporate Services Comments and Impact on the Executive's budget proposals:**

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be a non-recurring increase in the Council's revenue budget of £100,000 for 2006/07 to be funded from Council Reserves. There will be an equivalent reduction in the level of Council reserves available in future years.

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 2006/07 to 2008/09, as set out in Minute EX007.06 (as revised)

### **Revenue Budget:**

#### Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Spending Pressures

- Non-Recurring Spending Proposals would increase in 2006/07 by £100,000 to £392,000.

#### Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Contributions from General Fund Reserves in 2006/07 to fund non-recurring New Commitments would increase by £100,000 to £302,000.

#### Schedule 10 – Usable Reserve Projections

- There would be a cumulative reduction in overall Projects Reserve projections of £100,000 to £104,000 in 2008/09.

## **LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC GROUP PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2006/07**

The City Council is asked to consider the following amendments to the Executive's budget proposal contained in Minute EX007.06, Executive Response to the Budget Consultation and Recommendations for the 2006/07 Budget (Key Decision).

### **Liberal Democrat Group Proposed Budget Amendment**

#### **Small Scale Community Projects:**

It is proposed that a specific capital provision in the sum of £60,000 be made in the 2006/07 capital programme, to be made available to support schemes for small-scale community projects, proposed by members at ward level.

The details for the operation of the scheme and the mechanism for the distribution of the funds on a per capita allocation per ward in support of individual proposals will be determined by the Executive after full consultation with each of the political groups. The criteria to be agreed in consultation with the group leaders. It is envisaged that the funding source could be used as a pump primer and be supplemented by contributions from other partners and agencies and so enable elected Councillors to respond to the needs of residents.

Proposed by: Cllr Peter Farmer

Seconded by: Cllr Jim Tootle

#### **Director of Corporate Services Comments and Impact on the Executive's budget proposals:**

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be an increase in the 2006/07 Capital Programme of £60,000 for the proposed scheme funded from unallocated capital receipts. There will be an equivalent reduction in the capital resources available in future years.

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

The amendment will result in the following main changes to the Executive's Capital Budget proposals for 2006/07 as set out in Minute EX007.06:

#### **Schedule 7 – Estimated Capital Resources**

- There would be a reduction in the overall capital resources in 2007/08 and 2008/09 of £60,000

#### **Schedule 8 – Proposed Capital Programme**

- There would be an increase in the overall capital programme for 2006/07 to include a new spending proposal in respect of Small Scale Community Projects of £60,000

#### **Schedule 9 – Summary Capital Resource Statement**

- There would be corresponding amendments as detailed above

#### **Schedule 10 – Usable Reserve Projections**

- There would be no impact on Reserve Projections.

**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.

Before any amendment is voted on, the Council will give the Director of Corporate Services 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 Corporate Service's advice prior to the vote on any amendment.