

Mental Health (crisis) Support :

To provide a grant of £15,000 to support the work of Carlisle Eden Mind and help to meet the increasing demand for their mental health crisis support services, including the possible expansion of the Lighthouse crisis service. The proposal is to be funded from the 2021/22 allocation of Covid-19 funding provided in the Local Government Finance Settlement.

This budget amendment will assist Carlisle Eden Mind, not only in meeting the increased demand due to the impact of Covid on Carlisle residents' mental health but will also act as match funding for applications and bids to other funding bodies to meet essential demand for support.

This amendment also supports this Council's commitment to improving mental health and wellbeing and support the NHS Every Mind Matters campaign.

Proposed by: Cllr L Brown

Seconded by: Cllr J Whalen

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

The consequences of accepting this amendment will not have any impact on overall Council resources in 2021/22.

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 2021/22 as set out in Minute EX06/21:

Schedule 2 – Proposed Budget Reductions

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non-Recurring Budget reductions of £15,000 for 2021/22, increasing from £739,000 to £754,000

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non-Recurring Budget increases of £15,000 for 2021/22, increasing from £777,000 to £792,000.

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 Corporate Director of Finance and 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 Corporate Director of Finance and Resources advice prior to the vote on any amendment.

The procedure, should any amendment be carried, is set out in full at Agenda Item 6 (4) paragraph 3.8 to 3.10.

Removal of Rats in domestic properties charge:

It is proposed to remove the charge for treatment of rats in domestic properties. We believe that now is not the time for the introduction of this new charge with the financial difficulties' households are currently encountering with COVID. We therefore ask the Executive to reconsider the implementation of this charge for 2021/22 and fund the income shortfall from Revenue Reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr Betton

Seconded by: Cllr Tinnion

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

The pest control service has a history of not achieving its income targets. The implementation of this charge is seen as a way to ensure the income target can be met. If the charge had not been implemented there would continue to be a shortfall of income and a pressure on the Council's Revenue budget.

The proposed charge is expected to bring in additional income of between £19,000 and £28,000, therefore an estimate of £25,000 is used as the basis for this amendment.

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be an increase in the Council's non-recurring revenue budget for 2021/22 of £25,000 to support the proposal. There will be an equivalent reduction in the level of overall Council reserves.

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 2021/22 as set out in Minute EX06/21:

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non-Recurring Budget increases of £25,000 for 2021/22, increasing from £777,000 to £802,000 in 2021/22.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £25,000 in 2021/22.
- Contributions from Reserves for non-recurring commitments would increase by £25,000 from £72,000 to £97,000 in 2021/22.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be a decrease in the level of General Fund/Projects Reserve projections of £25,000 in 2021/22 leaving total reserves at £3.115 million by 2025/26.

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 Corporate Director of Finance and 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 Corporate Director of Finance and Resources advice prior to the vote on any amendment.

The procedure, should any amendment be carried, is set out in full at Agenda Item 6 (4) paragraph 3.8 to 3.10.

Report to Executive

Agenda
Item:

Meeting Date: 15 February 2021
 Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources
 Key Decision: Yes: Considered under general exception
 Within Policy and Budget Framework YES
 Public / Private Public

Title: CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2021/22
 Report of: CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES
 Report Number: RD60/20

Purpose / Summary:

This report seeks to assist the Executive to respond to the proposed budget amendments carried by Council on 2 February 2020. Executive are asked to reconsider their budget proposals in light of these amendments and respond with their considerations at Council on 17 February 2021.

Recommendations:

The Executive is requested to consider the proposed budget amendments carried by Council on 2 February and make recommendations to Council on 17 February 2021 in respect of the following:

- (i) Removal of the charge for treatment of rats in domestic properties and reduce the income budget for pest control as a result of this by £25,000 for 2021/22, funded from the projects reserve.
- (ii) Provide a grant of £15,000 to Carlisle and Eden MIND to be funded from the 2021/22 COVID-19 government grant allocation.

Tracking

Executive:	15 February 2021
Council:	17 February 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

The Executive budget proposals for 2021/22 to 2025/26 were approved by the Executive at its meeting of 13 January for consideration at full Council at its meeting on 2 February.

At its meeting on 2 February, the Council debated five amendments to the budget proposals and a recorded vote carried two amendments unanimously in respect of removal of the charge for treatment of rats in domestic properties and the provision of a grant to Carlisle and Eden MIND.

2. REMOVAL OF CHARGE FOR TREATMENT OF RATS IN DOMESTIC PROPERTIES

This amendment would remove the charge for treatment of rats in domestic properties in 2021/22. It was stated that “now is not the time for the introduction of this new charge with the financial difficulties’ households are currently encountering with COVID”, and the Executive were asked to reconsider the implementation of this charge for 2021/22 and fund the income shortfall from Revenue Reserves. **Costing £25,000, this amendment will be non-recurring and will be funded from the projects reserve for 2021/22.**

3. MENTAL HEALTH (CRISIS) SUPPORT

This amendment would provide a grant of £15,000 to support the work of Carlisle Eden Mind and help to meet the increasing demand for their mental health crisis support services, including the possible expansion of the Lighthouse crisis service. **This amendment is to be funded from the 2021/22 allocation of Covid-19 funding provided in the Local Government Finance Settlement.**

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE EXECUTIVE’S BUDGET PROPOSALS

Acceptance of these amendments will have the following impact on the Executive’s budget proposals:

Schedule 2 – Proposed Budget Reductions

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non-Recurring Budget reductions of £15,000 for 2021/22, increasing from £739,000 to £754,000.

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non-Recurring Budget increases of £40,000 for 2021/22 from £777,000 to £817,000.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £25,000 in 2020/21.
- Contributions from Reserves for non-recurring commitments would increase by £25,000 to £97,000 in 2021/22.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be a decrease in the level of General Fund/Projects Reserve projections of £25,000 by 2025/26.

	Projected 31 March 2022 £000	Projected 31 March 2023 £000	Projected 31 March 2024 £000	Projected 31 March 2025 £000	Projected 31 March 2026 £000
Original Total General Fund Reserves	(3,194)	(2,953)	(2,947)	(3,026)	(3,140)
Amended Total General Fund Reserves	(3,169)	(2,928)	(2,922)	(3,001)	(3,115)

5. BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR COUNCIL

Members are reminded that, at the time of writing this report, whilst provisional figures are included in the budget, there are several issues still to be finalised or confirmed. If received, these will be included within the Executive's budget proposals tabled on 15th February, and details provided for the Council meeting in February and/or March. Any minor changes will be funded from appropriations to/from revenue reserves; however, the Council's Savings Strategy and target may need to be revisited to accommodate any changes which are deemed to be significant.

6. CONSULTATION

The Executive's budget proposals were considered by Council on 2 February 2021 following consultation with Scrutiny Panels and the public.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is requested to consider the proposed budget amendments carried by Council on 2 February and make recommendations to Council on 17 February 2021 in respect of the following:

- (i) Removal of the charge for treatment of rats in domestic properties and reduce the income budget for pest control as a result of this by £25,000 for 2021/22, funded from the projects reserve.
- (ii) Provide a grant of £15,000 to Carlisle and Eden MIND to be funded from the 2021/22 COVID-19 government grant allocation.

8. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

To ensure that a balanced budget is set.

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**Appendices
attached to report:**

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- **None**

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL – The Council has a fiduciary duty to manage its resources properly and for the benefit of its community. In doing so it is required to take account of the advice it receives from its chief finance officer, the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources. The Council must have a balanced budget to deliver its services and also achieve and sustain an appropriate level of reserves.

PROPERTY – not applicable

FINANCE – Contained within the body of the report

EQUALITY – not applicable

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE – not applicable

Report to Executive

Agenda
Item:

Meeting Date: 17th February 2021
 Portfolio: Health and Wellbeing
 Key Decision: No
 Within Policy and Budget Framework: Yes
 Public / Private: Public

Title: MENTAL HEALTH (CRISIS) SUPPORT
 Report of: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
 Report Number: CS 14/21

Purpose / Summary: This report confirms the proposed amendment to the Council budget for 2021/22 to allocate a £15,000 grant to Carlisle and Eden Mind.

Recommendations:

The Executive are asked to confirm if the budget for 2021/22 is to incorporate the proposed amendment.

Tracking

Executive:	
Scrutiny:	
Council:	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The amendment proposed to provide a grant of £15,000 to support the work of Carlisle Eden Mind and help to meet the increasing demand for their mental health crisis support services, including the possible expansion of the Lighthouse crisis service.
- 1.2. The amendment suggested that the proposal should be funded from the 2021/22 allocation of Covid-19 funding provided in the Local Government Finance Settlement.
- 1.3. The amendment was unanimously approved

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. The Executive are asked to confirm if the budget for 2021/22 is to incorporate the proposed amendment.

3. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

- 3.1. *“improve the health, wellbeing and economic prosperity of the people of Carlisle.”*

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**Appendices
attached to report:**

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL –

FINANCE – The proposal amendment has no impact on the level of Council Tax increase proposed by the Executive nor any impact on overall Council resources and reserves in 2021/22.

EQUALITY –

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE –

Executive

Agenda
Item:

Meeting Date: 15 February 2021
Portfolio: Environment and Transport
Key Decision: No
Policy and Budget Framework: Yes
Public / Private: Public

Title: Charges for Rat Treatments in Domestic Properties – Budget Amendment
Report of: Corporate Director of Governance & Regulatory Services
Report Number: GD.20/21

Purpose / Summary:

On 14 December 2021 the Executive considered Report GD.48/20 (amended) and resolved to introduce a charge for the treatment for rats in domestic properties (Min ref EX.144/20). This Report deals with a proposed amendment to the Executive's Budget Proposal to not introduce the said charge.

Recommendations:

That the Executive resolve one of the two following options:

- a. For the reasons set out in GD.48/20 (amended) the Executive reaffirm the charge for rat treatments in domestic properties.; or
- b. The Executive no longer wishes to impose a charge and resolves:
 - a. To not impose a charge for the treatment for rats in domestic properties for 2021/22; and
 - b. Recommend to Council in its Budget Proposal on 17 February that the income target for the service area is reduced by £25,000 for 2021/22.

Tracking

Executive:	15 February 2021
Scrutiny:	
Council:	17 February 2021

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 14 December 2021 the Executive considered Report GD.48/20 (amended) and resolved to introduce a charge for the treatment for rats in domestic properties (Min ref EX.144/20). On 2 February 2021 the Council agreed an amendment to the Executive's proposed budget as follows (including advice from the Corporate Director of Finance & Resources):

Removal of Rats in domestic properties charge:

It is proposed to remove the charge for treatment of rats in domestic properties. We believe that now is not the time for the introduction of this new charge with the financial difficulties' households are currently encountering with COVID. We therefore ask the Executive to reconsider the implementation of this charge for 2021/22 and fund the income shortfall from Revenue Reserves.

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

The pest control service has a history of not achieving its income targets. The implementation of this charge is seen as a way to ensure the income target can be met. If the charge had not been implemented there would continue to be a shortfall of income and a pressure on the Council's Revenue budget.

The proposed charge is expected to bring in additional income of between £19,000 and £28,000, therefore an estimate of £25,000 is used as the basis for this amendment.

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be an increase in the Council's non-recurring revenue budget for 2021/22 of £25,000 to support the proposal. There will be an equivalent reduction in the level of overall Council reserves.

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 2021/22 as set out in Minute EX06/21:

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2. PROPOSALS

2.1 The setting of charges for rat treatments in domestic properties is an Executive Function and the setting of income targets is a Council function through the budget process. The options open to the Executive are as follows:

- c. For the reasons set out in GD.48/20 (amended) it may reaffirm its wish to charge for rat treatments in domestic properties. In this case no action is necessary other than to assert this position at the Council Meeting on 17 February.
- d. The Executive may wish to reconsider its decision to impose a charge for the treatment for rats in domestic properties in the light of the Council's stated position. If the Executive no longer wishes to impose a charge then it should resolve:
 - a. To not impose a charge for the treatment for rats in domestic properties for 2021/22; and
 - b. Recommend to Council in its Budget Proposal on 17 February that the income target for the service area is reduced by £25,000 for 2021/22.

3. RISKS

3.1 The risks to the Council are set out in the comments by the Corporate Director of Finance & Resources.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Council has, via the Budget Process, been consulted and expressed its view.

5. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 For the reasons set out in the Report, the Executive should resolve either as set out in 2.1(a) or 2.1(b).

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Appendices

attached to report:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- **None**

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL – In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001, the setting of charges is an Executive Function. The setting of the Council's Budget is a matter reserved to Council.

PROPERTY SERVICES – None.

FINANCE – Contained within the main body of the report.

EQUALITY – None.

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE – None.