

LABOUR GROUP PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2012/13

The City Council is asked to consider the following amendments to the Executive's budget proposal contained in Minute EX005/12, Executive Response to the Budget Consultation and Recommendations for the 2012/13 Budget (Key Decision).

Labour Group Proposed Amendment No. 1

Environmental Enhancements:

To ensure that funding, £75,000 per annum for two years, is available to support a dog fouling/pavement clean up 'hit squad' with responsibility for both cleaning areas where dog fouling is prevalent and issuing fixed penalty fines to owners that do not clean up after their dogs. This proposal is to be funded from council reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr C Stothard

Seconded by: Cllr C Glover

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 both 2012/13 and 2013/14 of £75,000 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 2012/13 as set out in Minute EX005/12:

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non- Recurring Budget Pressures, increasing by £75,000 in 2012/13 and in 2013/14.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £75,000 in 2012/13 and in 2013/14. Contributions from Reserves to fund Non Recurring Commitments would increase to £1,324,000 and £776,000 in 2012/13 and 2013/14 respectively.

Schedule 10 – Council Reserve Projections

- There would be a reduction in overall Projects Reserve projections of £150,000 to be in a surplus position of £184,000 by 2016/17.

Labour Group Proposed Amendment No. 2

Education Officer (Dog Fouling):

To fund a temporary Education Officer post, costing £15,000, for a six month period ending 30th September 2012, to provide advice and to educate residents on dog fouling issues, pending the completion of the Local Environment Directorate restructure which will introduce this post from 1st October 2012. This temporary position is to be funded initially from council reserves in 2012/13, subject to the finalisation of the 2011/12 outturn position, at which point confirmed under spends within the Organisation Development section will be used to replenish reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr J Hendry

Seconded by: Cllr S Bowditch

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 2012/13 of £15,000 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 2012/13 as set out in Minute EX005/12:

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non- Recurring Budget Pressures, increasing by £15,000 in 2012/13 to £330,000.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £15,000 in 2012/13. Contributions from Reserves to fund Non Recurring Commitments would increase by £15,000 to £1,264,000.

Schedule 10 – Council Reserve Projections

- There would be a reduction in overall Projects Reserve projections of £15,000 to be in a surplus position of £319,000 by 2016/17. However reserves will be replenished following the approval of the outturn position and subject to the under spend in Organisation Development being realised in 2011/12.

Labour Group Proposed Amendment No. 3

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 W Whalen

Seconded by: Cllr L Patrick

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 2012/13 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 2012/13 as set out in Minute EX005/12:

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 2012/13 to £325,000.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £10,000 in 2012/13. Contributions from Reserves to fund Non Recurring Commitments would increase by £10,000 to £1,259,000.

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 £324,000 by 2016/17.

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.