

LABOUR GROUP BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2022/23

The City Council is asked to consider the following amendments to the Executive's budget proposal contained in Minute EX11/22, Executive Response to the Budget Consultation and Recommendations for the 2022/23 Budget (Key Decision).

Labour Group Proposed Amendment No. 1

Community Centre Funding

Community Centres are at the heart of our wards and are an essential community resource. This Council agrees to guarantee funding at existing levels plus inflation for 2022/23 and 2023/24 and that the grant funding for the two years is all paid in 2022/23. This will provide security of income to the Centres as we transition to the 'Cumberland' Unitary Council. This would be paid for from existing revenue budgets but would be a re-profiling of these existing budgets.

Proposed by: Cllr Lucy Patrick

Seconded by: Cllr Les Tickner

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

The consequence of accepting this amendment is that there will be an increase in the 2022/23 revenue budget with a corresponding decrease in the 2023/24 revenue budget; with no overall impact on Council Reserves.

In accounting terms, the payment for 2023/24 will be accounted for as a payment in advance in the 2022/23 outturn position and will require a carry forward request in 2023/24 to match the accrued payment.

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.

Schedule 3 – Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Recurring Budget increases of £190,000 for 2022/23, with a corresponding reduction in 2023/24.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £190,000 in 2022/23, with a corresponding reduction in 2023/24.
- Contributions to Reserves for recurring commitments would decrease by £190,000 from £425,000 to £235,000 in 2022/23, and contributions from reserves would decrease from £299,000 to £109,000 in 2023/24.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be a decrease in the level of General Fund/Projects Reserve projections of £190,000 to £4,068,000 at the end of 2022/23 but with no other changes to the level of reserves between 2023/24 and 2026/27.

Labour Group Proposed Amendment No. 2

Cost of Living Support Funding:

The proposed freezing of Council Tax will be welcomed by some in our communities. However, this will only go so far in protecting families on the margins from the cost of living rises that are forecast to increase dramatically in 2022. We applaud the Ways to Welfare Scheme however we appreciate that grant will not be sufficient to meet the number of applications submitted. We welcome the continued support by way of Council Tax discounts for those citizens of Carlisle lacking the means to pay full Council Tax. These families will not gain from the Council Tax freeze, and we propose that this Council sets aside a fund of £110,000 to support these households. The fund would be administered by Carlisle CACE who have experience of this type of scheme. The £110,000 would include all scheme administration costs and the grants would be limited to a maximum of £100 per household. The allocation would not be time limited. This funding would be subject to a grant funding agreement and be in addition to any support scheme central government may introduce. This would be paid for from existing revenue reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr Lisa Brown

Seconded by: Cllr Les Tickner

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

The consequence of accepting this amendment is that there will be an increase in the Council's non-recurring revenue budget for 2022/23 of £110,000.

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 2022/23 as set out in Minute EX11/22:

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non-Recurring Budget increases of £110,000 for 2022/23, increasing from £2,402,000 to £2,512,000 in 2022/23.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £110,000 in 2022/23.
- Contributions from Reserves for non-recurring commitments would increase by £110,000 from £1,035,000 to £1,145,000 in 2022/23.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be a decrease in the level of General Fund/Projects Reserve projections of £110,000 to £4,148,000 at the end of 2022/23 and to £3,118,000 by 2026/27.

Labour Group Proposed Amendment No. 3

Carlisle – A Social Enterprise City:

This budget amendment seeks to provide funding of £30,000 for an impact and needs analysis study for Carlisle to achieve Social Enterprise City status. Social enterprises are businesses that are changing the world for the better. Like traditional businesses they aim to make a profit but it's what they do with their profits that sets them apart – reinvesting or donating them to create positive social change. Social enterprises are in our communities and on our high streets – from coffee shops and cinemas, to pubs and leisure centres, banks and bus companies. A working group is already developing an action plan with members from Cumbria County Council, CVS, Carlisle City Council and established Social Enterprises working together and the needs analysis study will provide vital help with securing long term private sector funding for the bid, similar to The Transforming West Cumbria (TWC) **Spark Programme** which is funded through Sellafield Limited's SiX (Social impact, multiplied) Programme. This money would be funded from existing reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr Lisa Brown

Seconded by: Cllr Colin Glover

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

The consequence of accepting this amendment is that there will be an increase in the Council's non-recurring revenue budget for 2022/23 of £30,000.

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 2022/23 as set out in Minute EX11/22:

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non-Recurring Budget increases of £30,000 for 2022/23, increasing from £2,402,000 to £2,432,000 in 2022/23.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £30,000 in 2022/23.
- Contributions from Reserves for non-recurring commitments would increase by £30,000 from £1,035,000 to £1,065,000 in 2022/23.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be a decrease in the level of General Fund/Projects Reserve projections of £30,000 to £4,228,000 at the end of 2022/23 and to £3,198,000 by 2026/27.

Labour Group Proposed Amendment No. 4

Happy Mums Foundation – Peer Support Worker

The Happy Mums Foundation is a relatively new initiative in the city that is seeing an increase in demand for its services. There are currently groups operating at Harraby, the ICan Fitness Centre, as well as two online groups one of which provides support specifically for parents of children with downs syndrome. This budget amendment seeks to support the expansion of this group in order to meet the growing demand by providing a one-off grant of £10,000 in order to provide a group facilitator to help run the groups for a few hours each week. This would be paid for from existing revenue reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr Ruth Alcroft

Seconded by: Cllr Chris Wills

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

The consequence of accepting this amendment is that there will be an increase in the Council's non-recurring revenue budget for 2022/23 of £10,000.

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 2022/23 as set out in Minute EX11/22:

Schedule 4 – Non-Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in the overall level of Non-Recurring Budget increases of £10,000 for 2022/23, increasing from £2,402,000 to £2,412,000 in 2022/23.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would increase by £10,000 in 2022/23.
- Contributions from Reserves for non-recurring commitments would increase by £10,000 from £1,035,000 to £1,045,000 in 2022/23.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be a decrease in the level of General Fund/Projects Reserve projections of £10,000 to £4,248,000 at the end of 2022/23 and to £3,218,000 by 2026/27.

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 9 (4) paragraph 3.8 to 3.10.