

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2014/15

The City Council is asked to consider the following amendments to the Executive's budget proposal contained in Minute EX006/14, Executive Response to the Budget Consultation and Recommendations for the 2014/15 Budget (Key Decision).

Conservative Group Proposed Amendment No. 1

Council Tax Freeze Grant:

To accept the Government's offer of the council tax freeze grant for 2014/15 and 2015/16 of 1% equating to £68,000 per annum as detailed in their letter of 15th January 2014, in conjunction with accepting the recurring nature of previous years council tax freeze grants. This will enable the Council to approve a 0% increase for the Council's share of Council Tax for 2014/15 and provide an indicative 0% increase for 2015/16. This proposal is to be funded by appropriation to and from Revenue Reserves.

Proposed by: Cllr J Mallinson

Seconded by: Cllr G Ellis

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

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be a net reduction of £68,000 in the revenue expenditure budget for 2014/15 with a net reduction of £99,000 in 2015/16. Funding streams will reflect the recurring nature of the grant and there will be an increase of £199,000 in the level of overall Council reserves available.

The proposal will reduce the level of Council Tax increase proposed by the Executive from 1.99% to 0% for 2014/15 and provide an indicative 0% increase for 2015/16.

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 2014/15 as set out in Minute EX006/14:

Schedule 2 – Proposed Budget Reductions

- There would be an increase in non recurring budget reductions of £68,000 in 2014/15 and £99,000 in 2015/16.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Revenue Expenditure would reduce by £68,000 in 2014/15 and £99,000 in 2015/16.
- Contributions to reserves in respect of non-recurring commitments will increase by £68,000 and £99,000 in years 2014/15 and 2015/16 respectively.
- Contributions in respect of recurring commitments would change by £119,000 in 2014/15; £6,000 in 2015/16; £124,000 in 2016/17; £118,000 in 2017/18 and £113,000 in 2018/19.

Schedule 6 – Total Funding and Provisional Council Tax Projections

- The yield from Council Tax would reduce by £119,000 in 2014/15; by £241,000 in 2015/16; by £247,000 in 2016/17; by £253,000 in 2017/18 and by £258,000 in 2018/19.

- Revenue Support Grant would increase by £235,000 in 2015/16 and by £371,000 in 2016/17 onwards.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be an increase in the level of General Fund/Project Reserve projections of £199,000 by 2018/19.

Conservative Group Proposed Amendment No. 2

Play Areas:

To provide recurring revenue funding of £25,000 per annum and £50,000 capital funding for three years to support Play Areas within the district. This proposal is to be funded by deleting the Arts Centre scheme from the Capital Programme with resulting revenue savings of £104,000 in 2014/15 increasing to £159,000 from 2015/16 onwards and capital savings of £1,015,000 in 2014/15.

Proposed by: Cllr G Ellis

Seconded by: Cllr Mrs E Mallinson

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

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be a net reduction of £79,000 in the revenue budget for 2014/15 with a recurring reduction of £134,000 from 2015/16 onwards. There will be a corresponding increase in the level of overall Council reserves available. There will be unavoidable costs incurred on the Arts Centre in 2014/15 until a decision is made on disposal/letting e.g. business rates, heating and security. These will need to be determined.

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

The proposal will reduce the 2014/15 Capital Programme proposed by the Executive by £965,000 and increase the programme by £50,000 for years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

The amendment will result in the following main changes to the Executive's Revenue Budget proposals for 2014/15 as set out in Minute EX006/14:

Schedule 2 – Proposed Budget Reductions

- There would be an increase in recurring budget reductions of £104,000 in 2014/15 and £159,000 in 2015/16 onwards.

Schedule 3 – Recurring Budget Increases

- There would be an increase in recurring budget pressures of £25,000 in 2014/15 onwards

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Recurring Revenue Expenditure would reduce by £79,000 in 2014/15 and £134,000 in 2015/16 onwards.
- Contributions to reserves in respect of recurring commitments will increase by £79,000 and £134,000 in years 2014/15 and 2015/16 onwards respectively.

Schedule 8 – Proposed Capital Programme

- The proposed capital programme for 2014/15 would reduce by £965,000 to £6,252,000 in 2014/15 and increase by £50,000 for years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Schedule 9 - Summary Capital Resources Statement

- The level of capital resources will increase by £865,000 reducing the overall deficit position to £887,000 by 2018/19.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be an increase in the level of General Fund/Project Reserve projections of £615,000 by 2018/19.

Conservative Group Proposed Amendment No. 3

CCTV Cameras:

To provide additional capital funding of up to £180,000 in 2014/15 to provide up to 10 CCTV cameras within the Carlisle District to support the Cumbria Wide PCC CCTV initiative. This proposal is to be funded by deleting the Arts Centre scheme from the Capital Programme with resulting revenue savings of £104,000 in 2014/15 increasing to £159,000 from 2015/16 onwards and capital savings of £1,015,000 in 2014/15.

Proposed by: Cllr J Mallinson

Seconded by: Cllr D Morton

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

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be a net reduction of £104,000 in the revenue budget for 2014/15 with a recurring reduction of £159,000 from 2015/16 onwards. There will be a corresponding increase in the level of overall Council reserves available. There will be unavoidable costs incurred on the Arts Centre in 2014/15 until a decision is made on disposal/letting e.g. business rates, heating and security. These will need to be determined.

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

The proposal will reduce the 2014/15 Capital Programme proposed by the Executive by £835,000.

The amendment will result in the following main changes to the Executive's Revenue Budget proposals for 2014/15 as set out in Minute EX006/14:

Schedule 2 – Proposed Budget Reductions

- There would be an increase in recurring budget reductions of £104,000 in 2014/15 and £159,000 in 2015/16 onwards.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Recurring Revenue Expenditure would reduce by £104,000 in 2014/15 and £159,000 in 2015/16 onwards.
- Contributions to reserves in respect of recurring commitments will increase by £104,000 and £159,000 in years 2014/15 and 2015/16 onwards respectively.

Schedule 8 – Proposed Capital Programme

- The proposed capital programme for 2014/15 would reduce by £835,000 to £6,382,000 in 2014/15.

Schedule 9 - Summary Capital Resources Statement

- The level of capital resources will increase by £835,000 reducing the overall deficit position to £917,000 by 2018/19.

Schedule 10 – Useable Reserve Projections

- There would be an increase in the level of General Fund/Project Reserve projections of £740,000 by 2018/19.

Conservative Group Proposed Amendment No. 4

War Memorials:

To provide capital funding of £20,000 in the 2014/15 capital programme to fund necessary improvements and refurbishment works to all of the War Memorials in the Carlisle District in advance of the proposed centenary commemorations in 2014. This proposal is to be funded by deleting the Arts Centre scheme from the Capital Programme with resulting revenue and capital savings of £104,000 in 2014/15 increasing to £159,000 from 2015/16 onwards and capital savings of £1,015,000 in 2014/15.

Proposed by: Cllr B Earp

Seconded by: Cllr J Collier

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

The consequences of accepting this amendment is that there will be a net reduction of £104,000 in the revenue budget for 2014/15 with a recurring reduction of £159,000 from 2015/16 onwards. There will be a corresponding increase in the level of overall Council reserves available. There will be unavoidable costs incurred on the Arts Centre in 2014/15 until a decision is made on disposal/letting e.g. business rates, heating and security. These will need to be determined.

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

The proposal will reduce the 2014/15 Capital Programme proposed by the Executive by £995,000.

The amendment will result in the following main changes to the Executive's Revenue Budget proposals for 2014/15 as set out in Minute EX006/14:

Schedule 2 – Proposed Budget Reductions

- There would be an increase in recurring budget reductions of £104,000 in 2014/15 and £159,000 in 2015/16 onwards.

Schedule 5 – Summary Net Budget Requirement

- Total Recurring Revenue Expenditure would reduce by £104,000 in 2014/15 and £159,000 in 2015/16 onwards.
- Contributions to reserves in respect of recurring commitments will increase by £104,000 and £159,000 in years 2014/15 and 2015/16 onwards.

Schedule 8 – Proposed Capital Programme

- The proposed capital programme for 2014/15 would reduce by £995,000 to £6,222,000 in 2014/15.

Schedule 9 - Summary Capital Resources Statement

- The level of capital resources will increase by £995,000; reducing the overall deficit position to £757,000 by 2018/19.

Schedule 10 – Usable Reserve Projections

- There would be an increase in the level of General Fund/Project Reserve projections of £740,000 by 2018/19

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.