

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

24 FEBRUARY 2010

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR D THOMAS

LEADER LABOUR GROUP

In accordance with Shadow Cabinet's response to the Budget consultation, the Council is asked to consider the following alternative budget and hence refer back the Cabinets Budget recommendations for further consideration:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2010-11 to 2012-13

In relation to Recommendation c) – Level of Council Tax

The Labour Group proposes a 2010-11 Council Tax for District Council purposes of £195.47 (Band D property), representing a 2% increase over the current year.

In relation to Recommendation d) - Proposals for Growth, the Labour Group proposes the following:

(i) Cabinet Growth Proposals to be Deleted

- KL08 Urban Forest Strategy
- KL10 Green Flag Award 2009-10

(ii) Cabinet Growth Proposals to be Amended

- PL11 Economic Downturn

(It is proposed that the scheme solely relates to the provision of a Credit Union facility at £25,000 per annum with a saving in 2010-11 of £15,000)

(iii) Additional Growth Proposals

The Labour Group proposes that the following growth proposals be implemented.

- EH12 Environmental Enforcement – Employment 2 FTE
- Additional Cemetery Provision

(The latter relates to a dedicated resource being provided in 2010-11 to progress the provision of additional cemetery land and the associated indicative capital financing costs for that provision in 2012-13)

Details of Growth Proposals are summarised in Annex One

In relation to Recommendation e) - Proposals for Savings the Labour Group proposes the following

(iv) Cabinet Saving Proposals to be Deleted

- SH02 Delete GF Contribution Imp'n of Homelessness Act
- SS01 Review of Street Warden/ Environmental Enforcement Functions

(v) Additional saving proposals

- EH01 Delete Environmental Enforcement Budget
- Street Wardens Service – Reduce by 3 Full Time Equivalents
- Rationalisation of Garden Waste Collection – Winter Months
- Review of Special Responsibilities Allowances – Member Allowances
- Review of PR and Marketing Services
- Reduction in Equipment and Other Consumables

Details of Saving Proposals are summarised in Annex Two

In relation to Recommendation h) Indicative Council Tax Increases, the Labour Group proposes the following:

In light of the above Growth and Saving proposals indicative Council Tax increases of 3.3% for 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.

In relation to Recommendation i) Three Year Budget 2010-11 to 2012-13, the Labour Group proposes:

An Alternative Budget as attached as Annex Three.

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009-10 to 2012-13

In relation to Recommendation a) Schemes to be included in the Capital Programme

The Labour Group proposes that in light of the General Fund Revenue Recommendation above the following scheme is included in the General Fund Capital Programme

- Provision of Cemetery £1,500,000

Annex One

Financial Plan 2009-10 to 2012-13
Labour Group Budget
Growth Options to be Implemented

		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
		£	£	£
KL07	Wheeled Bin Container Provision for Dry Recyclable	22,200	22,200	22,200
KL09	Bereavement Services Service Plan	15,000	15,000	0
ME04a	Private Sector Partner Options - CCDC (*) - Costs	100,000	50,000	0
PL10	Workforce Development Strategy	20,000	20,000	20,000
PL11	Economic Downturn	25,000	25,000	25,000
EH12	Env Enforcement- Employ 2 FTE	65,280	82,760	86,720
	Additional Cemetery Provision	50,000	0	90,000
		<u>297,480</u>	<u>214,960</u>	<u>243,920</u>

Annex Two

Financial Plan 2009-10 to 2012-13 Labour Group Budget Saving Options to be taken from budget ctd

		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
		£	£	£
CE01	Chairman's AGM Dinner	-2,000	-2,030	-2,060
CE05	Chairman's Hospitality	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000
CE07	Leader's Hospitality	-500	-500	-500
CS04	Shopmobility Contract - Revise (#)	-13,000	-30,000	-30,000
CS07	Review of Counter Services Function #	0	0	0
GV02	Deletion of Long Service Awards	-3,160	-3,220	-3,270
EH01	Reduce Environmental Enforcement Budget	-56,990	-58,170	-58,710
KL02	Car Parks - Charges	0	-102,000	-102,000
KL03	Community Safety Efficiency Saving	0	-16,940	-17,110
LT01	Deletion of Discretionary Concessionary Fares - Dial-A-Ride	-80,000	-80,000	-80,000
ME04a	Private Sector Partner Options *	0	0	-380,000
ME07	Reduce Arts Development Programme	-10,000	-10,000	-10,000
PL01	Senior Planner - Delete one post	-39,150	-40,030	-40,640
PL06	Economic Development (Tourism) budget - Reduce	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
PL07	Tech Support / Admin posts - Delete 1 of 2	-7,060	-11,130	-11,310
PL09	Market Traders - Cannock Market Hall Reduce Access	310	-6,370	-6,510
PR01	Chase Matters - Self Fund Publications	-17,000	-17,260	-17,520
	Streetwarden Service -Reduce by 3 FTE	-66,100	-95,280	-98,500
	Sub Total	-301,650	-479,930	-865,130

Financial Plan 2009-10 to 2012-13
Saving Options to be taken from budget ctd

	2010-11 £	2011-12 £	2012-13 £
Sub Total	-301,650	-479,930	-865,130
Review of Members Allowances	-15,000	-18,400	-18,600
Review of PR & Marketing Service	-32,660	-74,800	-89,000
Reduction in Equipment and other Consumables	-47,500	-48,500	-48,500
Rationalisation of Garden waste Collection Winter Months	-10,500	-21,200	-21,400
	<u><u>-407,310</u></u>	<u><u>-642,830</u></u>	<u><u>-1,042,630</u></u>

post trial implementation

Annex Three

General Fund Revenue Budget 2009-10 to 2012-13

Labour Group Budget

	Forecast Outturn 2009-10 £m	Standstill Budget 2010-11 £m	Standstill Budget 2011-12 £m	Standstill Budget 2012-13 £m
Original Budget 2009-10	14.632			
Standstill Budget 2009-10 to 2012-13		14.741	15.040	15.040
Supplementary Estimates since Original Budget Approval				
Additional Election - Vacancy	0.009			
Costs Awarded - Planning Appeal	0.035			
Equal Pay Claim	0.076			
Rollovers	0.241			
Annual Leave	0.019	0.015	0.015	0.016
Approved Budget				
Committed Changes				
District Elections		0.055	0.102	-0.069
Benefits Administration				0.017
Stadium	0.020			
Likely Additional Commitments				
Increments				0.150
NI Contributions			0.050	0.050
Chase Leisure Centre - Pool		0.286	0.638	0.586
NNDR Revaluation		0.012	0.013	0.019
Demographic Changes				
Refuse & Recycling				0.014
Concessionary Fares				0.020
Pension contributions - Gross				0.057
HRA Recharges				-0.010
2010 Actuarial Valuation - Gross				0.057
HRA Recharges				-0.010
LABGI	-0.021			
Civil Parking Enforcement				-0.036
Place Survey			-0.017	
Staffing reviews	-0.055	-0.012	-0.012	-0.029
Inflation				
Pay Award/Inflation adj	-0.168	-0.519	-0.743	-0.603
Total Base Budget	14.788	14.579	15.087	15.269

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Labour Group Budget

	Forecast Outturn 2009-10 £m	Standstill Budget 2010-11 £m	Standstill Budget 2011-12 £m	Standstill Budget 2012-13 £m
Potential Changes and Adjustments				
Base Budget Review				
Expenditure				
Turnover	-0.150	-0.050	-0.050	-0.050
Rates	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013
Interest	0.090		0.040	0.040
Concessionary fares	-0.120	-0.100	-0.105	-0.110
Energy Costs	0.158	0.158		
HRA Recharges	0.039	0.073	0.055	0.000
Item 8 recharges	0.084	0.112	-0.050	-0.050
Insurances	-0.042			
Managers Variations	-0.025	0.081	-0.040	0.022
Income				
Rebate Subsidy	-0.100	-0.100	-0.100	-0.100
Planning delivery grant				0.050
Prince of Wales	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020
Income - Development related fees				
Planning - Fees Net	0.051	0.163		
Markets -Income Net	0.001	0.021	0.008	0.002
Building control - Fees Net	0.046	0.072		
Car Park Income	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120
Land Charges	0.030	0.030		
Leisure Centres Income	0.064	0.070	0.070	0.070
Industrial Estates	0.024	0.024	0.014	0.014
Golf Course	0.015			
Efficiency Savings				
Equipment and other controllable budgets		-0.095	-0.097	-0.097
Corporate & Support		-0.201	-0.232	-0.242
Policy Options				
Growth		0.297	0.215	0.244
Savings		-0.407	-0.643	-1.043
Estimated Net Spending	15.106	14.880	14.325	14.172

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Labour Group Budget

	Forecast Outturn 2009-10 £m	Standstill Budget 2010-11 £m	Standstill Budget 2011-12 £m	Standstill Budget 2012-13 £m
Financing				
Anticipated Grant Income, Use of Balances & Reserves				
Balances	0.841	-0.009	-0.138	-0.120
Regeneration & Invest to Save Reserve		0.286	0.638	
Actuarial Valuation	0.263	0.169	0.095	0.053
Interim use	-0.228	0.064	-0.315	-0.072
Collection Fund Surplus	0.036	-0.021		
RSG/NNDR	8.429	8.518	7.918	7.918
Council Tax	5.765	5.873	6.127	6.393
Total Grant Income, Use of Balances & Reserves	15.106	14.880	14.325	14.172
Amount to be found from Council Tax	5.765	5.873	6.127	6.393
	30,080	30,044	30,344	30,648
Estimated Council Tax Level	191.64	195.47	201.92	208.58
Estimated Council Tax Increase	3.90%	2.00%	3.30%	3.30%
Balances				
Opening Balances at 1 April	1.664	0.823	0.832	0.970
Use of Balances to Support Budget	0.841	-0.009	-0.138	-0.120
Closing Balances at 31 March	0.823	0.832	0.970	1.090