

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

16 FEBRUARY 2011

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR ANN BERNARD

LEADER CONSERVATIVE GROUP

An alternative General Fund Revenue Budget 2011-12 to 2013-14 as proposed by the Conservative Group is detailed below and, in light of this alternative budget, Council is recommended to refer back the Cabinets Budget recommendations for further consideration.

The Alternative Budget is attached (Annex 1, 2 and 5 as per Cabinets Recommendation) and includes the following changes to Cabinet's Budget:

SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE

The Conservative Group proposes that the saving arising from the Senior Management Restructure is increased to reflect the deletion of a Head of Service Post.

The saving to be achieved by the combining of the posts of Head of Environmental Health and Head of Environmental Services or by an equivalent saving to be proposed by the Chief Executive.

PROPOSALS FOR SAVINGS

The Conservative Group proposes that the following changes are made to the Saving proposals:

- The Corporate and Support Structure is amended to maintain the provision of a Street Warden Service (2FTE) to be part funded by a further restructure of the Communications and Engagement Section.

The Conservative Group proposes that the following additional savings proposal is implemented

- 029D Car Parks - Charge on Sundays / Bank Holidays

COUNCIL TAX INCREASES

In light of the above proposals the Conservative Group proposes to maintain the Council Tax freeze for 2011-12 but to reduce subsequent year indicative increases from 2.5% (Cabinet Proposal) to 1.5% in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

Annex 1

**Financial Plan 2011-12 to 2013-14
Conservative Group Budget
Growth Options allowed in the Budget**

| Ref | Option | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 |
|-------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| | | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate |
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| 0029A | Car Parks - Defer Increase in Charges | 118,000 | | |
| 0602 | Community Infrastructure Levy | 49,090 | | |
| | Total | <u>167,090</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

Annex 2

Financial Plan 2011-12 to 2013-14
Conservative Group Budget
Savings Options taken from the Budget

| Ref | Option | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 |
|----------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate |
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| 0029A | Car Parks - Charge for Parking in Rugeley Service Areas | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,800 |
| 0029B | Car Parks - Charge Staff / Members for Car Park Use | 38,000 | 38,000 | 38,000 |
| 0029C | Car Parks - Charge Blue Badge Holders to park | -129,000 | 53,000 | 54,000 |
| | Car Parks - Charge on Sundays / Bank Holidays | 24,000 | 24,000 | 24,000 |
| 0030 | Rationalisation of Community Safety Monitoring | | 62,820 | 63,420 |
| 0031 | Cemeteries - Review of Charges | 12,430 | 18,020 | 24,850 |
| 0068 | Relocation of Ranger Centre * | | 2,500 | 2,530 |
| 0071 | Reduction Discretionary Rate Relief | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 0078A | Reduction to Min.Standards - Corp. Support & Admin. | 46,110 | 49,750 | 50,540 |
| 0078B | Reduction in Admin and Typing Services | 10,450 | 10,530 | 10,720 |
| 0084A | Credit Union - Cease | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| 0084B | Economic Development - Admin Support | 21,470 | 21,630 | 22,020 |
| 0088 | Redefinition of Env.Enforc. Officers as Env Prot Assists | 22,090 | 25,450 | 29,090 |
| 0090 | Pest Control - Removal of Subsidy | 16,650 | 17,220 | 17,100 |
| 0121 | Housing Strategy - Statutory Minimum | 44,680 | 45,030 | 45,830 |
| 0140 | Licensing - Removal of Subsidy | 7,300 | 16,310 | 24,620 |
| 0149 | Rationalisation of Number of Committees * | | | |
| 0163 | Delete Bowling Green Maintenance | 10,100 | 12,760 | 12,890 |
| 0169 | Planning De -Regulation Fees | | 69,550 | 138,730 |
| 0245 | Rationalisation Opening Hours Rugeley and Hednesford | 45,950 | 48,770 | 49,260 |
| 0335/6/8 | Review of Civic Hospitality | 5,680 | 5,750 | 5,810 |
| 0337 | Review of Leader - Hospitality | 730 | 740 | 750 |
| 0340 | Alternative Official Car provision | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 0616 | Deletion of Children's Fund CCDC Contribution | 3,000 | 3,030 | 3,060 |
| | Corporate and Support Restructures | | | |
| | As per Cabinet Recommendation | 160,800 | 165,270 | 168,210 |
| | Provision of dedicated Street Warden Service | -60,960 | -61,420 | -62,520 |
| | Additional savings required from Restructure | 32,540 | 32,870 | 33,200 |
| | Revised Saving Requirement | 132,380 | 136,720 | 138,890 |
| | Total | 349,820 | 705,380 | 799,910 |

(*) These items are subject to further reports to Cabinet

General Fund Revenue Budget 2010-11 to 2013-14
Conservative Group Budget

| | Forecast Outturn 2010-11 £m | Standstill Budget 2011-12 £m | Standstill Budget 2012-13 £m | Standstill Budget 2013-14 £m |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Original Budget 2010-11 | 14.960 | | | |
| Standstill Budget 2010-11 to 2013-14 | | 14.412 | 14.274 | 14.274 |
| Supplementary Estimates since Original Budget Approval | | | | |
| Rollovers | 0.110 | | | |
| Members Allowances | -0.027 | -0.060 | -0.060 | -0.060 |
| Equipment Consumables | -0.040 | -0.050 | -0.050 | -0.050 |
| Approved Budget | | | | |
| Committed Changes | | | | |
| District Elections | | | | -0.106 |
| LABGI | 0.042 | 0.042 | 0.042 | 0.042 |
| HPDG | 0.150 | 0.050 | | |
| Area Based Grants | | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 |
| HPDG - Expenditure Savings | -0.050 | | | |
| LDF Costs | 0.003 | 0.030 | | |
| Likely Additional Commitments | | | | |
| West Midlands Leaders Board | 0.054 | -0.003 | -0.003 | -0.003 |
| Increments | | | | 0.055 |
| Audit Fees | -0.008 | -0.008 | -0.008 | -0.008 |
| | 0.008 | | | |
| NI Contributions | | | | |
| Chase Leisure Centre - Pool | -0.289 | -0.217 | | -0.090 |
| Interest Rates | | 0.029 | 0.059 | 0.065 |
| Interest Rates Maturing | | 0.030 | 0.030 | 0.030 |
| Demographic Changes | | | | |
| Refuse & Recycling | | | | 0.014 |
| 2010 Actuarial Valuation - Gross | | | | 0.060 |
| HRA Recharges | | | | -0.011 |
| Place Survey | | | | -0.017 |
| Staffing reviews | 0.570 | 0.321 | | -0.100 |
| Inflation | | | | |
| Pay Award Freeze | | -0.103 | -0.208 | |
| Pay Award/Inflation adj | | | | 0.357 |
| Total Base Budget | 15.483 | 14.499 | 14.100 | 14.477 |

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| | Forecast Outturn 2010-11 £m | Standstill Budget 2011-12 £m | Standstill Budget 2012-13 £m | Standstill Budget 2013-14 £m |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Potential Changes and Adjustments | | | | |
| Base Budget Review | | | | |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Turnover | | | | |
| Concessionary fares | -0.016 | -1.002 | -1.022 | -1.022 |
| Specific Grant | | 0.357 | 0.357 | 0.357 |
| Income | | | | |
| New Homes Bonus | | -0.200 | -0.200 | -0.200 |
| Vat Refund | -0.619 | | | |
| Partial Exemption | 0.436 | | | |
| Rebate Subsidy | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.005 |
| Income - Development related fees | | | | |
| Planning - Fees Net | | 0.090 | 0.080 | 0.070 |
| Rent Reviews | -0.047 | -0.011 | -0.011 | -0.011 |
| Building control - Fees | | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.050 |
| Car Park Income | 0.046 | 0.046 | 0.046 | 0.046 |
| VAT Adj | 0.005 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.018 |
| Land Charges | 0.020 | 0.020 | 0.020 | 0.020 |
| Leisure Centres Income | | | | |
| licensing | -0.020 | -0.020 | -0.020 | -0.020 |
| Cemeteries | 0.025 | 0.025 | | |
| Industrial Estates | 0.031 | 0.038 | 0.038 | 0.038 |
| Recycling Credits | | | | |
| Golf Course | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.018 |
| Markets | 0.001 | 0.031 | 0.031 | 0.031 |
| Other Properties | 0.018 | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.013 |
| Managers Variations | -0.148 | -0.034 | -0.018 | -0.018 |
| Efficiency Savings | | | | |
| Telephone Network | -0.019 | -0.024 | -0.024 | -0.024 |
| Service Review | | -0.075 | -0.076 | -0.078 |
| Shared Services | | -0.266 | -0.565 | -0.576 |
| Transformation | | 0.050 | | |
| Policy Options | | | | |
| Service Reviews | | 0.117 | 0.171 | 0.171 |
| Senior Management Restructure | | -0.220 | -0.220 | -0.222 |
| Growth | | 0.167 | | |
| Savings | | -0.350 | -0.705 | -0.800 |
| Estimated Net Spending | 15.208 | 13.332 | 12.076 | 12.333 |

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Conservative Group Budget

| | Forecast Outturn 2010-11 £m | Standstill Budget 2011-12 £m | Standstill Budget 2012-13 £m | Standstill Budget 2013-14 £m |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Financing | | | | |
| Anticipated Grant Income, Use of Balances & Reserves | | | | |
| Forecast Outturn 2009-10 | | | | |
| Balances | 0.136 | -0.282 | -0.208 | 0.491 |
| Regeneration & Invest to Save Reserve | 0.286 | 0.638 | | |
| Actuarial Valuation | 0.169 | 0.095 | 0.053 | |
| Stabilisation | 0.065 | 0.031 | 0.061 | 0.116 |
| Interim use | 0.108 | 0.013 | 0.034 | -0.512 |
| Collection Fund Surplus | 0.007 | 0.002 | | |
| RSG/NNDR | 8.518 | 6.692 | 5.843 | 5.790 |
| RSG Discount Adj | 0.000 | 0.000 | | |
| Council Tax | 5.919 | 5.994 | 6.144 | 6.299 |
| Council Tax Compensation Grant | | 0.149 | 0.149 | 0.149 |
| 0.000 Total Grant Income, Use of Balances & Reserves | 15.208 | 13.332 | 12.076 | 12.333 |
| Amount to be found from Council Tax | 5.919 | 5.994 | 6.144 | 6.299 |
| | 30,044 | 30,423 | 30,727 | 31,034 |
| Estimated Council Tax Level | 197.01 | 197.01 | 199.97 | 202.96 |
| Estimated Council Tax Increase | 2.80% | 0.00% | 1.50% | 1.50% |
| Balances | | | | |
| Opening Balances at 1 April | 0.860 | 0.724 | 1.006 | 1.215 |
| Use of Balances to Support Budget | 0.136 | -0.282 | -0.208 | 0.491 |
| Closing Balances at 31 March | 0.724 | 1.006 | 1.215 | 0.724 |
| Saving Requirement | | | | |
| Required Balances | 0.832 | 0.970 | 1.090 | 0.717 |