

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

24 FEBRUARY 2010

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR J JILLINGS

LEADER CONSERVATIVE GROUP

An alternative General Fund Revenue Budget 2010-11 to 2012-13 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 A-C) and includes the following changes to Cabinet's Budget:

PROPOSALS FOR SAVINGS

The Conservative Group proposes the following additional savings proposals

- **EH01 Reduce Environmental Enforcement Budget**
- **PL08 Asset Review/Maintenance Officer – Combine posts**
- **Deletion of Consultation Officer Post**
- **Electoral Cycle Review (Elections every 4 years)**

PROPOSALS FOR GROWTH

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

Options to be deleted

- **KLO8 Urban Forest Strategy**

Options to be amended

- **PL10 Workforce Development Strategy (50% reduction)**

Additional Growth Proposal

- **LT01 Peak Time Travel – Concessionary Fares**

COUNCIL TAX INCREASES

In light of the above proposals to amend the Council Tax increase to 2.5% in 2010-11 with Indicative increases in 2011-12 and 2012-13 of 4%.

Annex A

Financial Plan 2010-11 to 2012-13 Conservative Group Budget Saving Options Taken From Budget

		2010-11 Estimate £	2011-12 Estimate £	2012-13 Estimate £
CE01	Chairmans AGM Dinner	2,000	2,030	2,060
CE05	Chairmans Hospitality	2,000	2,000	2,000
CE07	Leaders Hospitality	500	500	500
CS04	Shopmobility Contract - Revise (*)	13,000	30,000	30,000
EH01	Reduce Environmental Enforcement Budget	28,500	29,100	29,400
GV02	Deletion of Long Service Awards	3,160	3,220	3,270
KL02	Car Park - Charges		102,000	102,000
KL03	Community Safety Efficiency Saving		16,940	17,110
LT01	Dial-A-Ride - Cease	80,000	80,000	80,000
ME04a	Leisure - Private Sector Partner Options (*)			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	5,000	5,000	5,000
PL07	Planning - Technical Support / Admin Post - Delete 1 of 2	7,060	11,130	11,310
PL08	Asset Review/ Maintenance Officer - Combine Posts	-35,020	34,980	34,240
PL09	Market Traders - Reduce Access to Cannock Market Hall	-310	6,370	6,510
PR01	Chase Matters - Self Fund Publications	17,000	17,260	17,520
SH02	Delete Contribution to Implementation of Homelessness Act	7,490	7,890	8,300
SS01	Review of Street Warden / Environmental Enforcement Functions (*)	30,780	31,460	32,180
	Deletion of Consultation Officer Post	32,660	34,400	35,030
	Electoral Cycle Review		-68,460	106,360
	Total	242,970	395,850	953,430

(*) - Requires further report to Cabinet

Annex B

Financial Plan 2010-11 to 2012-13 Conservative Group Budget Growth Options Allowed in the Budget

		2010-11 Estimate £	2011-12 Estimate £	2012-13 Estimate £
KL07	Wheeled Bin Container Provision for Dry Recyclable Waste	22,200	22,200	22,200
KL08	Urban Forestry Strategy			
KL09	Bereavement Services Service Plan	15,000	15,000	
KL10	Green Flag Award 2009-10	2,200		
LT01	Concessionary Fares - Peak Travel	37,620	38,000	38,380
ME04a	Leisure - Private Sector Partner Options (*)	100,000	50,000	
PL10	Workforce Development Strategy	10,000	10,000	10,000
PL11	Economic Downturn	40,000	25,000	25,000
	Total	227,020	160,200	95,580

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Annex C

General Fund Revenue Budget 2009-10 to 2012-13

Conservative 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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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		0.227	0.160	0.096
Savings		-0.243	-0.396	-0.953
Estimated Net Spending	15.106	14.974	14.517	14.113

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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	0.129	-0.195	-0.250
Collection Fund Surplus	0.036	-0.021		
RSG/NNDR	8.429	8.518	7.918	7.918
Council Tax	5.765	5.901	6.199	6.511
Total Grant Income, Use of Balances & Reserves	15.106	14.974	14.517	14.113
Amount to be found from Council Tax	5.765	5.901	6.199	6.511
	30,080	30,044	30,344	30,648
Estimated Council Tax Level	191.64	196.43	204.28	212.45
Estimated Council Tax Increase	3.90%	2.50%	4.00%	4.00%
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