

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

7 FEBRUARY 2018

GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR PAUL SNAPE

LEADER CONSERVATIVE GROUP

An alternative General Fund Budget, 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.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2018-19 TO 2020-21

The Alternative Budget is attached as Annex 1 and replaces Table 3 and 5 of the Cabinet Report Item No. 6 Dated 25/01/18.

In accordance with the above the following changes are made to the Recommendations to Council as per Paragraph 2.1 of the above report.

- (a) the level of net spending for the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018-19 be set at £11.609 million; with indicative net spending for 2019-20 and 2020-21 of £12.217 million and £12.702 million respectively;
- (b) the detailed portfolio budgets as set out in Appendix 2 (as amended by the changes as contained in Annex 2);
- (e) the working balances be set at £0.647 million; £0.684 million and £1.047 million for 2018-19 to 2020-21 respectively;

The changes to the Cabinet's Budget are attached as Annex 2 and can be summarised as follows:

Proposals for Savings

The Conservative Group proposes that the following saving options are implemented:

Culture and Sport Portfolio (Appendix 2 - Item 6.33 /6.36)

- Fees for Cemeteries are increased by a further 5% in 2018-19

Economic Development & Planning (Appendix 2 – Item 6.37/6.40)

- Charges for Pre- Planning advice is extended to other applications

That the following saving proposals as implemented in 2017-18 are reversed and hence

Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio (Appendix 2 Item 6.58/ 6.60)

- Trading Days are reduced from to 4 to 3 days – Cannock Indoor (Reversal of I.5)
- Fees for Cannock Indoor Market are reduced by 3% (Reversal of I.4)

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19 TO 2020-21

The alternative Capital Programme is attached as Annex 3 and replaces Appendix 3 of the Cabinet Report Item 6.61.

The Appendix includes an additional scheme as follows:

- Improvements to Cannock Park £78,000 (to be funded from Section 106 allocation)

ANNEX 1

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET			
Table 3 :General Fund Draft Budget 2018-19 to 2020-21			
	Budget 2018-19	Budget 2019-20	Budget 2020-21
	£000	£000	£000
Net Expenditure			
Portfolio budgets	11,375	11,641	11,988
Investment interest	(158)	(158)	(158)
Technical items	392	734	872
Net Spending	11,609	12,217	12,702
Less: Government Grants			
NNDR Multiplier	(61)	(92)	(92)
New Homes Bonus	(1,032)	(1,106)	(1,190)
Budget Requirement	10,516	11,019	11,420
Financing			
Collection Fund surplus	(112)		
Business Rates	(4,130)	(4,357)	(5,262)
Revenue Support Grant	(384)	54	54
Council Tax Income	(6,047)	(6,242)	(6,443)
Total Financing	(10,673)	(10,545)	(11,651)
Transfer to Working Balances	157		231
Transfer from Working Balances		474	

Table 5 : Level of Working Balances				
	31/03/18	31/03/19	31/03/20	31/03/21
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance B/fwd.	2,434	2,668	2,825	2,351
(Applied) in Year	234	157	(474)	231
Balance C/fwd.	2,668	2,825	2,351	2,582
Minimum	(637)			(1,047)
Surplus to Support Budget	2,031			1,535

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET				
<u>Ref</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2018-19</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2019-20</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2020-21</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	<u>Culture & Sport Portfolio (Item6.33)</u>			
3	Cemeteries			
	Income			
a.	Increase fees by 5%	-9,050	-9,230	-9,410
	<u>Economic Development & Planning (Item6.37)</u>			
3	Development Control			
	Income			
b.	Extend Charging Pre Planning Advice	-2,500	-2,500	-2,500
	<u>Town Centre Regeneration (Item6.58)</u>			
1	Markets			
	Income			
c.	Reverse 2017/18 Budget Initiatives			
	Reduce fees by 3%			
	Reduce Number of Trading Days from 4 to 3			
		-23,750	-36,340	-49,420
	TOTAL	-35,300	-48,070	-61,330

Capital Programme 2017-18 to 2020-21		ANNEX 3
	General Fund	Section 106
	£000	£000
Environment		
Home Security	75	
Wheelie Bin Replacement	620	
Replacement -Vehicles- cleansing	130	
Replacement Vehicles- Grounds	350	
Replacement -Vehicles- countryside	117	
Car Park Improvements	492	
Sub Total – Environment	1,784	
Housing		
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,270	
Affordable Housing	644	
Private Sector Decent Homes	35	
Sub Total – Housing	3,949	
Culture and Sport		
Additional Cemetery Provision	984	
Stile Cop Cemetery	6	
Replacement -Vehicles- cemeteries	51	
Wolseley Road POS Improvements		20
Hednesford Park Improvements	79	
Hednesford Signal Box	27	
Relocation Arthur Street Play Area		3
Multi Use Games Area, Laburnum Avenue		121
Refurbishment Heath Hayes Park/Pitch		115
Stadium Development	1,500	213
Cannock Park Improvements		78
Sub Total – Culture and Sport	2,647	550
Economic Development & Planning		
Economic Development & Physical Assets	320	
District Investment	6,476	
Heritage Trail Bridge Rugeley	80	
Lets Grow Grants	69	
Sub Total – Econ Dev.	6,945	
Crime & Partnerships		
CCTV	150	
Sub Total – Crime & Partner.	150	
Corporate Improvement		
Vehicle Workshop	70	
Civic Centre Car Park	450	
Sub Total – Corp.	520	
Town Centre Regeneration		
New Entrance Hall Cannock Market	44	
Sub Total – Town Centres	44	
Capitalisation	319	111
Total Capital Programme	16,358	661