

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

12 FEBRUARY 2020

GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR OLIVIA LYONS

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 Cabinet's Budget recommendations for further consideration.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2020-21 TO 2022-23

The Alternative Budget is attached as Annex 1 and replaces Table 2 of the Cabinet Report Item No.6 Dated 30/01/20.

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 2020-21 be set at £13.459 million; with indicative net spending for 2021-22 and 2022-23 of £13.717 million and £13.408 million respectively;
- (b) the detailed portfolio budgets as set out in Appendix 2 (as amended by the changes as contained in Annex 2);
- (f) the working balances be set at £1.0 million: £1.007 million and £1.442 million respectively

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019-20 TO 2022-23

The amendments to Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report are attached as Annex 3 with the revised Table 6 (Uncommitted Capital Resources) of the report attached as Annex 4

In accordance with the above paragraph 2.1 (i) of the Recommendations to Council is amended to read

- (i) the revised capital programme, including new schemes and CIL Allocations, as set out in **Appendices 3, 4 and 5 (as amended by the changes as contained in Annex 3)**

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

Proposals for Savings

The Conservative Group proposes that the following saving option is implemented:

- **Members IT Consumable allowance is deleted.**

In light of the forecast deficit in 2022-23:

- **the shared services provision is extended to other services**

Growth Proposals

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

- **I Pads are provided for all Members together with appropriate training.**
- **An ongoing Parks and Open Spaces maintenance/remediation budget is created.**

Use of Reserves

The Conservative Group proposes that the Budget Support Reserve is utilised to fund the cost of the I Pads and the initial costs of the Parks and Open Spaces maintenance/ remediation budget in 2020/21

The changes to the Cabinets Capital Programme are attached as Annex 3 and can be summarised as follows:

New Schemes

The Conservative Group proposes that indicative resources are earmarked within the Capital Programme for the following schemes:

- **Rugeley Boardwalk Replacement**
- **Refurbishment of Elmore Park Toilet Block**

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET			
Table 2: General Fund Draft Budget 2020-21 to 2022-23			
	Budget 2020-21	Budget 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
	£000	£000	£000
Net Expenditure			
Portfolio budgets	13,235	13,445	13,688
Investment interest	-270	-250	-249
Technical items	494	522	-31
Net Spending	13,459	13,717	13,408
Less: Government Grants			
NNDR Multiplier	-97	-97	-97
New Homes Bonus	-1,478	-1,090	-611
Budget Requirement	11,884	12,530	12,700
Financing			
Business Rates - Contingency		-452	
Business Rates – Retained Income	-5,430	-5,295	-5,413
Revenue Support Grant			
Council Tax Income	-6,471	-6,682	-6,879
Total Financing	-11,901	-12,429	-12,292
Transfer to Working Balances	17	-	-
Transfer from Working Balances		-101	-408

Table 4 : Level of Working Balances				
	31/03/20	31/03/21	31/03/22	31/03/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance B/fwd.	2,916	2,689	2,706	2,605
(Applied) in Year	-227	17	-101	-408
Balance C/fwd.	2,689	2,706	2,605	2,197
Minimum	-1,000	-1,000	-1,007	-1,442
Surplus to Support Budget	1,689	1,706	1,597	755

ANNEX 2

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET				
Amendments to Portfolio Budgets (Appendix 2 of Budget Report)				
<u>Ref</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2020-21</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2021-22</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2022-23</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	<u>Culture and Sport</u>			
1	Parks & Open Spaces			
	Premises Related Expenditure			
a.	Provision of maintenance /remediation budget	50,000	25,000	25,500
	<u>Leader of the Council Portfolio</u>			
1	Democratic Services			
	Expenditure			
b.	Remove Members IT Consumable Allowance	-16,350	-16,510	-16,680
c.	Provide I pads to all Members	24,500		
9	Excluded Items			
	Expenditure			
d.	Development of further Shared services			-185,130
	TOTAL	58,150	8,490	-176,310

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET				
Amendments to Capital Programme (Appendix 3 of Budget Report)				
		Total Program Revised	General Fund	Section 106
		£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Culture & Sport Portfolio</u>				
	Additional schemes			
A.	Rugeley Boardwalk replacement	125	125	-
B	Elmore Park Toilets	100	100	-
		225	225	-

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET		
Amendments to Table 6: Uncommitted Capital Resources		
	General Fund	Section 106
	£000	£000
Capital resources brought forward at 1 April 2019	7,686	1,299
Capital Receipts	2,491	
Section 106/CIL		365
Capital Grants	4,396	
Joint Investment Fund	228	
Revenue contribution to Capital Outlay		
Use of Reserves	452	
Draft Capital Programme 2019-20 to 2022-23	(14,686)	(1,189)
New Schemes	(225)	
Remaining resources at 31 March 2023	342	475