

Cannock Chase Council

Council Meeting

15 February 2023

**General Fund Budget Resolutions
Alternative Budget Proposal by Councillor Tony Johnson
Labour Group Leader**

An alternative General Fund Budget, as proposed by the Labour Group, is detailed below and, in light of this Alternative Budget, Council is recommended to refer the Cabinet's Budget recommendations for further consideration:

General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2023-2026

In relation to Table 1 of Paragraph 5.6 of the above report considered by Cabinet on 26 January 2023, the proposed £30,000 2023/24 budget savings option of 'Citizens Advice Grant Aid support' be postponed for one year, and that the required funding instead be taking from the Reserve.

Table 1: Proposed budget savings

Description	2023-24	2024-25
	£	£
Citizen Advice grant aid support	0	60,000
Use of Reserves	£30,000	£0

As a Labour Group we feel that to cut the grant aid to such a service at the present time is false economy. Many people in our locality will be needing the support that CAB can provide, in the very challenging economic environment our district faces. When the need is increasing it is not the time to cut the support.