

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

20 FEBRUARY 2019

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 2021-22

The Alternative Budget is attached as Annex 1 and replaces Table 3 and 5 of the Cabinet Report Item No. 6 Dated 07/02/19.

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 2019-20 be set at £13.105 million; with indicative net spending for 2020-21 and 2021-22 of £13.310 million and £13.240 million respectively;
- (b) the detailed portfolio budgets as set out in Appendix 2 (as amended by the changes as contained in Annex 2);

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 option is implemented:

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

Growth Proposals

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

- **I Pads are provided for all Members together with appropriate training.**
- **The Support Staffordshire Grant is reinstated**
- **The fee for A Boards is removed.**

ANNEX 1

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET			
Table 3 :General Fund Draft Budget 2019-20 to 2021-22			
	Budget 2019-20	Budget 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
	£000	£000	£000
Net Expenditure			
Portfolio budgets	12,267	12,665	12,998
Investment interest	(177)	(198)	(177)
Technical items	1,015	843	419
Net Spending	13,105	13,310	13,240
Less: Government Grants			
Levy Account Surplus	(46)		
NNDR Multiplier	(97)	(97)	(97)
New Homes Bonus	(1,437)	(1,353)	(1,095)
Budget Requirement	11,525	11,860	12,048
Financing			
Collection Fund surplus	(100)		
Business Rates	(5,225)	(4,777)	(5,367)
Revenue Support Grant			
Council Tax Income	(6,269)	(6,471)	(6,682)
Total Financing	(11,594)	(11,248)	(12,049)
Transfer to Working Balances	69		1
Transfer from Working Balances		612	

Table 5 : Level of Working Balances				
	31/03/19	31/03/20	31/03/21	31/03/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance B/fwd.	3,136	2,868	2,937	2,325
(Applied) in Year	(268)	69	(612)	1
Balance C/fwd.	2,868	2,937	2,325	2,326
Minimum	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,061)	(1,006)
Surplus to Support Budget	1,868	1,937	1,264	1,320

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Ref	Detail	Budget 2019-20	Budget 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
		£	£	£
	Health & Well Being			
6	Licensing Income			
a.	Delete charge for A Boards	15,000	15,300	15,610
	Leader of the Council Portfolio			
1	Democratic Services Expenditure			
b.	Remove Members IT Consumable Allowance	-16,400	-16,400	-16,400
c.	Provide I pads to all Members	24,500		
5	Grants & Contributions Expenditure			
d.	Reinststate Support Staffordshire Grant	10,000	10,200	10,400
	TOTAL	33,100	9,100	9,610