

**Wiltshire Council**

**Council**

**23 February 2016**

## **Wiltshire Council Financial Plan**

### **Amendments to Budget**

The following amendments are likely to be moved by Cllr Glenis Ansell, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group:

- i) **To increase the proposed budget for Children's Safeguarding by £125,000 to a figure of £31.389m funded through:**
- The Rural Grant set aside by the Administration prior to the additional and final funding settlement announcement.
- This could produce a significant annual saving and reduce the demands on children's care
- ii) **To increase the proposed budget for Capital Financing by £100,000 to a figure of £21.999m, and the Capital Programme by £469,000 to fund Sensory stimulation and developmental play equipment for adults with learning difficulties, funded through:**
- Reduction in the Council's overall budget for catering, saving up to £50,000
  - Reduce the Council's Fleet budget by £25,000 by removing underutilised vehicles
  - £25,000 of the Rural Grant set aside by the Administration prior to the additional and final funding settlement announcement.

### **Financial Summary**

Financial Summary is appended.

### **Statutory Officers' Comments**

We are aware of the full details of the Liberal Democrat amendment as set out and consider the proposals are viable and deliverable, and do not impact adversely on the substantive motion as they would not change the net budget requirement, the level of Council Tax or reserves proposed.

## Liberal Democrat Party 2016/17 Budget Amendment Summary

<b>Revenue Budget:</b>				<b>Capital Budget:</b>			
<b>Investment</b>	<b>2016/17 £m</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>2016/17 £m</b>	<b>Investment</b>	<b>2016/17 £m</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>2016-21 £m</b>
Investment in 'Pause', a national initiative to reduce the demand / cost placed on Children's services by working with women who have experienced, or are at risk of, repeat removal of children from their care by giving them opportunities to break the cycle and create a more positive future. This is a national pilot in place at seven authorities, an example of it's work can be found at the following links <a href="http://www.pause.org.uk">www.pause.org.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/pause-">www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/pause-</a>	0.125	Catering budget (officers to review the current net cost of catering across all services (£0.289m) to look at pricing, controls, procurement, etc... in order to reduce the spend and introduce commercial pricing, and procurement savings)	0.050	Sensory stimulation and developmental play equipment for adults with learning difficulties - To provide equipment to bolster the council's budget to reflect the growing population to enable greater development through play and work alongside our care and leisure services	0.469	Borrowing - fund investment from recurring revenue savings identified (£0.100m of savings to fund borrowing repayable for 5 years)	0.500
Sensory stimulation and developmental play equipment for adults with learning difficulties - investment to fund borrowing for equipment (see capital proposal)	0.100	Rural services grant - to utilise the assumed grant uplift prior to the final settlement announcement.	0.150	Loan interest repayment (based on today's PWLB rates the Council will be able to borrow £0.469m over 5 years with an annual repayment of £0.1m, meaning the loan will be fully repaid (interest & principal) at the end of that period, leaving £0.1m to be re-invested at this point.	£ 0.031		
Carry on the 'good neighbours scheme' rather than the administrations proposals to delegate more to area boards. This is nil cost as the funding is within the administration's budget, this is purely a policy issue.	0.000	Reduce Fleet beyond the administration's proposals by at least one vehicle	0.025				
<b>Total invest</b>	<b>£ 0.225</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>0.225</b>	<b>Total invest</b>	<b>£ 0.500</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>0.500</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ -</b>			<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ -</b>		