

Wiltshire Council

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

12 February 2019

Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Report on Proposed Amendments for the 2019/20 Budget

Purpose of report

1. To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee the proposed amendments from Councillor Gavin Grant to the budget recommended to Cabinet on 5 February 2019 for the committee to appraise and raise any comments to Full Council.

Background

2. This meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee provides an opportunity for non-executive councillors to question the councillor Grant, on his proposed amendments before the budget is considered by Full Council on 26 February 2019.
3. The Member proposal is to remove the charges in Wiltshire Council car parks on public holidays. The net loss of revenue is approximately £60,000. That shortfall to be made up by an equal movement of funds from the General Reserve.
4. The proposals are for 2019.20 only and can therefore be summarised as:

Proposal	Saving £m	Investment £m
Remove bank holiday parking charges across Wiltshire Council car parks		(0.060)
Total growth/ investment proposal		(0.060)
Additional Drawdown of general reserves	(0.060)	
Total savings proposals	(0.060)	

Corporate Directors Operational comments

5. Should further consultation be required this would lead to a delay which would mean that the loss of income would be less and therefore less drawdown on reserves.

Financial comments

6. The proposal has been costed as above. The identifies that the proposals balance and therefore do not impact on the net base budget proposed in the original paper to Cabinet.

7. However, this proposal is reliant of a further draw from reserves above which would decrease the Councils projected general fund reserves of £12m.

Monitoring Officer Comments

8. The proposals do not impact adversely on the statutory duties of the Section 151 Officer, or any of the other statutory requirements set out in the Cabinet report at Section 13.

Head of Paid Service Comments

9. As Head of Paid Service, I can confirm that officers have provided independent advice.
10. We are aware of the full details of the amendments as set out and consider the proposals are vires, and do not impact adversely on the cabinet's budget recommendations as they would not change the net budget requirement, the level of Council Tax.

Conclusion

11. Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee are asked to consider the proposed amendments to the financial plan 2019/20 and inform Full Council on 26 February 2019.

