

**Council – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**

**Agenda Item 8: Council Budget – 2018/19**

**Amendments:**

**Amendment 1: Councillors Gilbert/Mulroney**

**Amendment 2: Councillors Woodley/Gilbert**

**Amendment 3: Councillors Woodley/Gilbert**

**Amendment 4: Councillors Woodley/Gilbert**

**Amendment 5: Councillors Woodley/Gilbert**

## Council Budget – 2018/19

### Budget amendment 1 to the proposed 2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget

#### Proposed by Councillor Gilbert and Seconded by Councillor Mulronev

£'s

#### Budget Amendment

##### General Fund Revenue budget

Enforcement Service 200,000

Create a new enforcement service for a three year period focussing on environmental crime and low level anti-social behaviour, also providing visible deterrence and reassurance. The team will consist of 1x fte Community Safety team Manager (who will also manage the Community Safety Hub) and 4.5x fte Community Safety Officers. In addition, there will be costs incurred for uniforms and training. Any income derived from Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) to be used to replenish the Business Transformation reserve.

##### Fees and Charges

Leigh Fishermen Annual Season Tickets 1,000

That the Leigh Fishermen's annual season ticket remain at £100 pa rather than the proposed £200 pa (p46 of the Fees and Charges report to Cabinet 13/2/18)

**Total of budget amendment 201,000**

That the additional increase in net expenditure of £201,000 be offset as follows;

#### New Funding Proposal

Tables and Chairs Licensing Fees (36,000)

To reintroduce the above fees as per the Fees and Charges schedule approved for the 2016/17 financial year (see attached schedule).

Reserves (165,000)

To use the Business Transformation reserve to fund the running of the service.

**Total of funding proposal (201,000)**

**To note that the above budgetary position will be repeated for 2019/20 and 2020/21**

**Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) statement pursuant to Standing Order 10.1(e)**

I can confirm that as the Council's S151 Officer, that the proposal would not produce an unbalanced or unsound budget and that I am still able to state that the overall budget proposed is still sufficiently robust but challenging for approval by the Council.

**Joe Chesterton,**

**Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)**

**21st February 2018**

## **Budget amendment 2 to the proposed 2018/19 General Fund Capital Budget**

### **Proposed by Councillor Woodley and Seconded by Councillor Gilbert**

**£'s**

#### **Budget Amendment**

##### **Capital Programme**

Commercial Property Investment 7,500,000

To fund and own the freehold to two health centre developments at St Lukes and Shoeburyness financed by borrowing including the financing costs during the build period and then to be financed by an equivalent lease arrangement to meet at least the ongoing financing costs of the borrowing. This means there will be no revenue impact until the build is complete and the lease is in operation. To allocate a total sum of £7.5m with £1.5m in 2018/19 and £6m in 2019/20.

In addition, that following the development of the locality plans in early 2018/19 to be supportive of any similar model in the West of Southend.

**Total of capital budget amendment 7,500,000**

#### **Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) statement pursuant to Standing Order 10.1(e)**

I can confirm that as the Council's S151 Officer, that the proposal would not produce an unbalanced or unsound budget and that I am still able to state that the overall budget proposed is still sufficiently robust but challenging for approval by the Council.

**Joe Chesterton,**

**Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)**

**21st February 2018**

**Budget amendment 3 to the proposed 2018/19 General Fund Capital Budget**

**Proposed by Councillor Woodley and Seconded by Councillor Gilbert**

**£'s**

**Budget Amendment**

**Capital Programme**

Extra Care Home 11,000,000

To develop and build an extra care home of 52 units and to retain the freehold with Southend Care providing the extra care packages. The projected outlay of £11m is to be initially funded by borrowing including the financing costs during the build period and then to be financed by the sales of the built units.

**Total of capital budget amendment 11,000,000**

**Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) statement pursuant to Standing Order 10.1(e)**

I can confirm that as the Council's S151 Officer, that the proposal would not produce an unbalanced or unsound budget and that I am still able to state that the overall budget proposed is still sufficiently robust but challenging for approval by the Council.

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**Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)**

**21st February 2018**

## **Budget amendment 4 to the proposed 2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget**

### **Proposed by Councillor Woodley and Seconded by Councillor Gilbert**

**£'s**

#### **Budget Amendment**

##### **General Fund Revenue budget**

Licensing 150,000

To introduce a private rented landlord licensing scheme for the most challenging wards in the centre of town. This is to cover properties in those wards up to 1,500 and not exceeding 20% of the total borough's private rented landlord properties, as required by regulation. The proposed charge would be for a five year period with the charging structure averaging at £500 per property. The scheme must be self-financing/cost neutral as required by Government and the cost of the team would be set at £150,000 pa.

**Total of budget amendment 150,000**

That the additional increase in expenditure of £150,000 be offset as follows;

#### **New Funding Proposal**

Licensing Income (150,000)

Income to be generated by applying a charge of £500 for each property to cover a five year period.

**Total of funding proposal (150,000)**

#### **Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) statement pursuant to Standing Order 10.1(e)**

I can confirm that as the Council's S151 Officer, that the proposal would not produce an unbalanced or unsound budget and that I am still able to state that the overall budget proposed is still sufficiently robust but challenging for approval by the Council.

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**Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)**

**21st February 2018**

**Budget amendment 5 to the proposed 2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget**

**Proposed by Councillor Woodley and Seconded by Councillor Gilbert**

**£'s**

**Budget Amendment**

**General Fund Revenue budget**

Recruitment service (100,000)

To introduce an in-house recruitment service for permanent recruitment only with the current HR team absorbing this workload.

**Total of budget amendment (100,000)**

That the reduction in expenditure of £100,000 be offset as follows;

**New Funding Proposal**

Reserves (100,000)

Annual saving to be appropriated to replenish earmarked reserves.

**Total of funding proposal (100,000)**

**Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) statement pursuant to Standing Order 10.1(e)**

I can confirm that as the Council's S151 Officer, that the proposal would not produce an unbalanced or unsound budget and that I am still able to state that the overall budget proposed is still sufficiently robust but challenging for approval by the Council.

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