

Council – 21st February 2019

Agenda Item 7 : Council Budget – 2019/20

Amendments:

Amendment 1: Councillors Gilbert/Mulroney/Woodley

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**Amendment 3: Councillors
Gilbert/Mulroney/Woodley/Cox/Hadley/Ward/Chalk**

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Amendment 6: Councillors Woodley/Gilbert/Mulroney

Council Budget – 2019/20

Budget amendment 1 to the proposed 2019/20 General Fund Revenue Budget

Proposed by Councillor Gilbert and Seconded by Councillors Mulroney and Woodley

£'s

Budget Amendment

General Fund Revenue budget

Selective Licensing Team 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 but would need to be reflective of the income to be raised to ensure it is a self-financing/cost neutral scheme.

Total of budget amendment 150,000

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

New Funding Proposal

Selective 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.

Joe Chesterton

Strategic Director - Finance & Resources (S151 Officer)

20th February 2019

Council Budget – 2019/20

Budget amendment 2 to the proposed 2019/20 General Fund Revenue Budget and 2019/20 to 2023/24 General Fund Capital Budget

Proposed by Councillor Gilbert and Seconded by Councillors Mulroney and Woodley

£'s

Budget Amendment

General Fund Revenue budget

Free Swimming 20,000

To reintroduce free swimming on Wednesday mornings for those residents above pensionable age.

Capital Investment Programme

Street Lighting 16,000

To undertake a two year programme of street lighting infill at £125k per annum to deliver around 100 new lighting columns. Cost approximately £2.5k for each column including fitting. Expenditure relates to the required financing costs of borrowing £250k and minimal utility and maintenance costs.

Total of budget amendment 36,000

That the additional increase in expenditure of £36,000 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).

Total of funding proposal (36,000)

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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20th February 2019

Council Budget – 2019/20

Budget amendment 3 to the proposed 2019/20 to 2023/24 General Fund Capital Budget

Proposed by Councillor Gilbert and Seconded by Councillors Mulroney, Woodley, Cox, Hadley, Ward and Chalk

£'s

Budget Amendment

Capital Investment Programme

Commercial Property Investment ~~7,500,000~~

To fund and own the freehold to two health centre developments at Shoeburyness and a site to be identified in the west of the borough. Both schemes would be 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.

Subject to a viable business case for each centre allocating the required sums arising from the business cases to determine the final figures.

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.

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Council Budget – 2019/20

Budget amendment 4 to the proposed 2019/20 to 2023/24 General Fund Capital Budget

Proposed by Councillor Woodley and Seconded by Councillors Gilbert and Mulroney

£'s

Budget Amendment

Capital Investment Programme

Extra Care Home	11,000,000
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To develop and build an extra care home of 52 units and the Council 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. To be profiled accordingly in the capital investment programme once the full plans have been identified for the build programme.

Total of capital budget amendment	11,000,000
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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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Council Budget – 2019/20

Budget amendment 5 to the proposed 2019/20 to 2023/24 General Fund Capital Budget

**Proposed by Councillor Woodley and Seconded by Councillors Gilbert ,
Mulroney and Councillor Lamb**

£'s

Budget Amendment

Capital Investment Programme

Tylers Avenue Car Park 0

To build a Multi Storey Car Park comprising of additional decking on Tylers Avenue with the capital investment financed by borrowing with associated income and running costs of the enlarged car park.

The scheme is to be subject to a viable business case and is to be added into the Capital Investment Programme under the heading of schemes subject to a viable business case.

Total of capital budget amendment 0

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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Council Budget – 2019/20

Budget amendment 6 to the proposed 2019/20 General Fund Revenue Budget and the proposed 2019/20 to 2023/24 HRA Capital Budget

Proposed by Councillor Woodley and Seconded by Councillors Gilbert and Mulroney

£'s

Budget Amendment

General Fund Revenue budget

Community Safety Team 100,000

To increase the capacity in the new Community safety team by a temporary increase of a further three officers for one year. This is to provide additional support at the weekend and evening for the Town Centre.

Parking Permits 25,000

To undertake a feasibility study to examine the impact of income and costs on the Council's budget of introducing a borough wide permit scheme for residents. This would be a set annual permit cost to allow seven day parking in Council car parks and Street parking for a nominal set amount and for a set amount of hours per day. For Blue Badge holders the permit would be free of charge.

Housing Revenue Account capital budget

Solar Panels 150,000

To ensure Council housing can benefit from the very latest energy efficiency measures – and for tenants to benefit from the increased warmth and fuel savings which such measures can bring – to agree to undertake a full assessment of the options available to provide energy efficiency measures for Council housing stock. This should include such things as solar panels, air source heat pumps and ground source heat pumps.

Making a provision for £150,000 in 2019/20 in the housing capital programme to carry out a comprehensive analysis would enable South Essex Homes to obtain the relevant specialist information and advice which could produce a plan and programme of works over the next few years to upgrade as many of our properties as possible with the latest innovative energy efficiency measures.

Not only would our own assets be improved but, vitally, our tenants would receive the benefit of warmer homes at much lower cost, we would be actively reducing the Council's carbon footprint could potentially even create an income from surplus electricity being fed back into the national grid.

Total of budget amendment

275,000

That the additional increase in expenditure of £275,000 be offset as follows;

New Funding Proposal

Community Safety Team	(100,000)
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This one-off funding for temporary staffing to be met from the Business Transformation Reserve

Parking Permits	(25,000)
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This one-off funding for a feasibility study to be met from the Business Transformation Reserve

Solar Panels	(150,000)
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This capital investment to be funded from the HRA capital investment reserve

Total of funding proposal	(275,000)
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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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