

COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2017 - Proposed Labour Group Budget Amendment:

The Labour Group is proposing the following amendments that will not affect the Revenue Budget for 2017/18 as set out in the February 2017 Cabinet Report.

- 1) A decrease in the proposed non-Adult Social Care Precept from 0.94% to 0%
To be met by:
- 2) A one off release from the Future Fit release of £2.145 million;
- 3) A reduction by two in the number of Cabinet Members; and
- 4) A reduction in the pay of the Chief Executive and Senior Officers to ensure that there are not any members of staff paid in excess of £100,000.

In addition, the following is proposed as a budget reallocation

- 5) A reduction in the fostering budget of £ 1million to recognise the savings that can be achieved by a further transfer of External Fostering Contracts to Internal Fostering Contracts; and
- 6) An increase in the Children's Centres budget of £1 million to reduce the reductions made in this service area during 2016/17.

Summary of Changes in the Net Revenue Budget £000	2017/18 (Part Year)	2018/19 (Full Year)
Reduction in General Precept from 0.94% to 0%	2,300	2,300
Increase in the budget for the provision of Children's Centres	1,000	1,000
Sub-Total	3,300	3,300
To be met by:		
Future Fit Reserve	(2,145)	-
Reduction in Fostering budget to take account of a further transfer from External Fostering contracts to Internal	(1,000)	(1,000)
Cabinet Members	(35)	(35)
Reductions in Pay for Chief Exec and Directors	(120)	(120)
Sub-Total	(3,300)	(1,155)
Total	-	2,145

Chief Financial Officer's assessment against the requirements of Section 25 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003

With regard to the requirements under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, the proposed amendment whilst achieving a balanced budget in cash terms in 2017/18 does include one off financial support of £2.1 million from the further release of earmarked reserves.

The proposed amendment does not set out how this one off financial support in 2017/18 will be replaced with ongoing increases to income or reforms in 2018/19. Therefore, the proposed amendment will increase the forecast financial gap in 2018/19.