

CONSERVATIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS

MOTION

- 2.1 That the General Revenue Account Estimates for 2016/17 set out in Appendix B of the Council report be approved, subject to the changes set out below.
- 2.2 That the GRA reserves policy set out in Appendix A to the Council report be approved.
- 2.3 That delegated authority be given to the Acting Chief Executive and Interim Heads of Service to take all necessary action to implement the changes resulting from the budget proposals.

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2016-17

£000

A	Budget gap as per Cabinet / Council report	838
B	Detailed budget proposals shown overleaf	190
C	Less allowance for budget proposals contained in estimates	-125
D	Conservative savings proposals on the Policy Options report	-163
E	Conservative savings proposals from the Management Restructuring report	-104
F	Additional business rate income above medium term financial forecast	-188
G	Budget saving from investment in Solar PV in first year	-60
H	Additional council tax income for increases in the tax base and current year performance	-58
I	Conservative proposals on the Member Allowances scheme report	-2
J	Additional saving from financing the Solar PV project entirely from reserves without the use of £1,948,000 borrowing	-97
K	Additional saving from financing the Greenshoots project entirely from reserves without the use of £852,000 borrowing	-49
L	Additional grant funding from government	-7
M	Funding required from the current year favourable budget variance	<u>175</u>

Equality Impact Assessment

The budget proposals contained in this report have either been the subject of previous reports to Committee, are currently at a high level where more detail needs to be worked out, or would not have an adverse impact on the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Consequently no equality impact assessments have been produced for these proposals at this time.

CONSERVATIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS	2016-17 £000	2017-18 £000	2018-19 £000
Community Services			
1 Home Care Link - reduction in contract income	30.0	30.0	30.0
2 Dog Control Orders (one year only)	10.0	0.0	0.0
Corporate Services			
1 Increase in Motor insurance costs	23.0	23.0	23.0
2 Increase in Insurance Premium Tax from 6% to 9.5%	8.0	8.0	8.0
3 Modern.Gov implementation data load (one year only)	10.0	0.0	0.0
4 Potential revenue implications of a replacement CRM system	8.3	8.3	8.3
5 Public involvement at meetings	6.0	6.0	6.0
6 Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Working Group recommendations (one year only)	1.8	0.0	0.0
Housing and Regeneration			
1 Repairs to Council car parks (temporary three year programme)	20.0	15.0	15.0
2 Culvert Maintenance in Skelmersdale	7.5	7.5	7.5
Planning			
1 Reduced Building Control income	100.0	100.0	100.0
2 Ecology Advice Contract	10.5	10.5	10.5
3 Additional Development Control income (one year only)	-45.0	0.0	0.0
Street Scene			
1 Potential reduction in LCC funding of the Waste Partnership agreement from 2018-19 (currently worth £950,000 per year) to be considered	0.0	0.0	950.0
Total	190.1	208.3	1,158.3

Note

There is the potential for a significant reduction in County Council funding for Public Realm and Grounds Maintenance works in 2016/17. This will be managed as an in year issue as the financial impact is not yet clear.

The following items will be funded from Central Contingencies if required

By elections, public health funerals, any appropriate cases of Japanese Knotweed on Council owned land and any additional IER costs that are not covered by government grant