

CONSERVATIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS

MOTION

- 2.1 That the General Revenue Account Estimates for 2017/18 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 the contract savings, including voluntary redundancies, set out in Appendix C to the Council report be approved.
- 2.4 That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive and Heads of Service to take all necessary action to implement the changes resulting from the budget proposals.

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2017-18

	£000
A Original budget gap forecast as per paragraph 6.1 of the Council report	1,437
B Less agreed policy option and other savings measures	-1,045
C Difference between original forecast figures and final budget estimates	-237
D Revised budget gap as per paragraph 6.2 of the Council report	<u>155</u>
E Detailed budget proposals shown overleaf	-190
F Less allowance for new budget proposals contained in the draft estimates	-125
G Reverse the decision to introduce green waste charging	500
H Freeze the level of the Council tax	110
I Fund the W heatsheaf Walks site purchase and the Greenshoots project from reserves and capital receipts rather than borrowing (see note)	-140
J One off funding from the current year projected favourable budget variance	<u>310</u>

NOTE

The borrowing requirement for the W heatsheaf Walks purchase and Greenshoots project is £2.936m. This can be replaced with funding of £1.782m from the Strategic Investment Reserve, £0.144m of available capital receipt funding, and through using £1.010m of the anticipated proceeds from the Westec House site development to fund the later years of the medium term capital programme.

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	2017-18 £000	2018-19 £000	2019-20 £000
Development and Regeneration			
1 Economic Regeneration Team Restructure (temporary) Funded from the Major Projects Reserve	40 -40	20 -20	0 0
2 Corporate membership of Liverpool LEP (extension for 1 year)	21	0	0
3 Membership of Growth Lancashire Ltd (1 year)	15	0	0
4 New Idox electronic document management system - ongoing revenue costs (subject to separate capital bid)	5	9	9
5 Retention of temporary Planning staff resource Funded from Planning Income Equalisation Reserve	31 -31	32 -32	32 -32
6 Building control - reduced income budget	58	58	58
7 Ormskirk Motorfest - fund on a permanent basis	13	13	13
8 Christmas Lights contributions - remove income budget	31	31	31
9 Increase in planning application fee levels and / or funding from the Planning Income Equalisation Reserve	-33	-33	-33
10 Micro Drainage Computer Design Software - ongoing revenue costs of separate capital bid	2	2	2
11 Commercial Assets - rent increase from October 2017	-50	-110	-110
12 Commercial Assets - additional income (1 year only)	-50	0	0
Housing and Inclusion			
1 Digital by Preference initiative - extend time period for savings to be delivered by 1 year (temporary)	67	0	0
2 New Customer Relations Management system - revenue costs	12	12	12
Leisure and Wellbeing			
1 Management of invasive non native plants (3 year programme)	20	20	20
2 Taxi Driver and Operator Licences	15	15	15
3 CCTV equipment - increase in repairs & maintenance budget	15	15	15
4 Increase in Homeless Temporary Accommodation	8	8	8
Street Scene			
1 Deferred policy option - review of mechanical sweeping and street cleansing prestige work (OP11)	-50	-72	-72
Finance and HR			
1 External review of Internal Audit (1 year) - regulatory requirement	6	0	0
Legal and Democracy			
1 Saving from no district council elections in 2017 (1 year)	-92	0	0
Corporate			
1 Budget Streamlining	-69	-69	-69
2 Treasury Management Savings	-88	-88	-88
3 Pension pre payment savings	-46	-103	-160
Total	-190	-292	-349

NOTE - By elections, reductions in Individual Electoral Registration grant and public health funeral costs will be funded from central contingencies if required.