

Amendment proposed by the Liberal Democrat Group

Portsmouth City Council - Budget & Council Tax 2016/17 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2017/18 to 2019/20

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 8 February 2016 (Minute 5/16) on "Portsmouth City Council - Budget & Council Tax 2016/17 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2017/18 to 2019/20 be amended as follows:-

Recommendation 1 (a) be amended to

1(a) The revised Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2015/16 and the Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2016/17 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A) as amended by paragraph (q) below:-

1(q) the following changes be made to Cash Limits for 2016/17 and future years as set out in the table below, but Members note that:

the responsibility of the City Council is to approve the overall Budget and the associated cash limits of its Portfolios and Committees; it is not the responsibility of the City Council to approve any individual savings or additions within those Portfolios/Committees, that responsibility is reserved for Cabinet Members. The budget savings and additions in the tables below are therefore indicative only.

i) Reductions to Revenue Estimates

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
Resources			
Delete 1 post in the Strategy Unit	Significant reduction in the Council's ability to manage and oversee its major risks and projects and the Council's overall performance management and governance arrangements. Capacity to deliver future transformation will also be diminished. Support to the following will be reduced or provided by other Services where appropriate: Health & Well Being Board, Children's Trust Board, Public Services Board, Health & Social Care Executive, Health Integration, External Funding Bids, Devolution, University Technical College, Multi Assessment Teams project, preparation for Inspections, Risk Management, Performance Management.	(50,000)	(50,000)
Delete 1 post in Corporate Communications	Limited ability to respond to the media, provide information to the public and run campaigns. Potential negative impact on income and access to services	(44,000)	(44,000)
Delete 1 Financial Services Management post	Reduction in level of financial control over budgets and the ability to provide effective support to the financial evaluation of proposals and initiatives	(62,000)	(62,000)
Deletion of Leader's Project Manager post (return to 1 full time support officer)	Reduction in the availability and effectiveness of the Leader of the Council to promote the City and undertake Council duties	(36,000)	(36,000)
20% Reduction in all Councillor Allowances*	A reduction in allowances may cause future recruitment of Councillors more challenging	(120,800)	(120,800)

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
Reduce PA's of Senior Management by 50%	Reduction in the capacity, availability and accessibility of Senior Officers. Senior Officers will spend a meaningful proportion of their time on administrative functions	(101,000)	(101,000)
Traffic & Transportation			
Reduction in middle management	Reduction in business planning, performance management, and capacity to deliver projects/new work streams aimed at making savings and efficiencies across the whole directorate. Specifically the provision of support to the Council's Enterprise Centres will be reduced	(48,000)	(48,000)
Re-instatement of MB Parking Zone to efficiently manage the provision of on-street parking in the area and in accordance with the vote from residents	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	(29,000)	(49,000)
Re-instatement of MC Parking Zone to efficiently manage the provision of on-street parking in the area and in accordance with the vote from residents	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	(67,000)	(100,000)
Implementation of residents' car parking zones to efficiently manage the provision of on-street parking in the area and where residents have voted in favour of doing so. <u>North Kings:</u> (Area 1 of the Five Zone Survey of Central Southsea 2014)	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	(11,000)	(45,000)

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<p>Implementation of residents' car parking zones to efficiently manage the provision of on-street parking in the area and where residents have voted in favour of doing so.</p> <p><u>Owens Gardens</u> - boundary Grove Road South, Elm Grove, Merton/Nelson Road and Victoria Road South: (Area 2 of the Five Zone Survey of Central Southsea 2014)</p>	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	(4,000)	(31,000)
<p>Implementation of residents' car parking zones to efficiently manage the provision of on-street parking in the area and where residents have voted in favour of doing so.</p> <p><u>South Kings:</u> (Area 3 of the Five Zone Survey of Central Southsea 2014)</p>	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	(11,000)	(45,000)
<p>Implementation of residents' car parking zones to efficiently manage the provision of on-street parking in the area and where residents have voted in favour of doing so.</p> <p><u>Boundary of Highland Road, Winter Road, Goldsmith Avenue and Francis Avenue:</u> (Area 5 of the Five Zone Survey of Central Southsea 2014)</p>	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	(43,000)	(107,000)

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
Introduction of Car Parking charges for Councillors at Civic Offices (£30 per car per annum)	An effective reduction in the remuneration of Councillors and the potential additional difficulty in the future recruitment of Councillors.	(1,000)	(1,000)
Total		(627,800)	(839,800)

* Members should have regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and recommendations of Council on 22nd January 2013 as amended by the City Council on 15 July 2014

ii) Additions to Revenue Estimates

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - Deletion of Indicative Savings	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
Children & Education			
019	Re-instate - Review the number and use of Children's Centres, and instead provide more outreach services	221,000	221,000
New	Introduction of new provision of Open Access Youth Services	0	104,500
Culture, Leisure & Sport			
049	Post re-instated on a part-time basis - Post of Development Support Officer at Cumberland House is currently vacant.	17,000	17,000
New	Re-open Southsea Library on a Sunday	11,000	11,000
New	Provision of 1 Dog Exercise and Training Area in the City (subject to identification of suitable areas and planning permission)	9,500	500
Environment & Community Safety			
063	Re-instate 50% of the operation of the Hate Crime Prevention Service (Victim Support)	50,000	50,000
064	Re-instate - Anti social behaviour unit service reduction	27,000	27,000
069	Re-instate ahead of the re-building of Sea Defences - Coastal Defences reduction in reactive maintenance budget	25,000	25,000

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - Deletion of Indicative Savings	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
New	Re-instate the arrangement for the following Charities to receive a proportion of textile bank income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope • Hampshire & I.O.W Air Ambulance • Dreams Come True • Salvation Army • British Heart Foundation • TR Aid 	55,000	55,000
New	Re-instatement of the Free Bulky Waste Collection Service	10,000	10,000
New	Provision of 10 Multi Use Waste Bins located across the City	6,500	3,000
New	Re-instate funding for Domestic Abuse Service	0	130,000
Health & Social Care Portfolio			
084	Re-instate a third - Reduce funding for alcohol contracts and services that are achieving outcomes	11,800	11,800
Traffic & Transportation			
162	Re-instatement of the two evening routes after 6pm of the No. 15 Bus (The Hard, City Centre, Elm Grove, Devonshire Ave., Bransbury Park, Ferry Rd.)	19,000	19,000
167	Re-instate - School Crossing Patrols subsidised traded services offer	135,000	135,000
New	Provision of Duty Parking Passes to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) volunteers whilst on lifeboat duty (loss of parking income)	10,000	10,000
New	Programme to remove street "build outs" across the City	10,000	10,000
New	Pump priming grant to support the set up costs of re-introducing the Hayling Island Ferry Service	10,000	
Total		627,800	839,800

Recommendation 1(b) be amended to:-

1(b) The Portfolio Cash Limits for the Revised Budget for 2015/16 and Budget for 2016/17 as set out in Sections 7 and 9, respectively as amended by paragraph (r) below:-

1(r) The following changes be made to Cash Limits for 2016/17 and future years

Portfolio / Committee	2016/17 £	Future Years £
Children & Education	221,000	325,500
Culture, Leisure & Sport	37,500	28,500
Environment & Community Safety	173,500	300,000
Health & Social Care	11,800	11,800
Resources	(413,800)	(413,800)
Traffic & Transportation	(30,000)	(252,000)
Total	0	0

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Under Recommendation 1(p), the Section 151 Officer advises as follows:-

The proposals contained within this amendment do not alter the statements made by the Section 151 Officer in Section 17 of this report.

CITY SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

The City Solicitor is satisfied that it is within the City Council's powers to approve the amendment as set out, and supports the advice of the Section 151 Officer given above.

Liberal Democrat Group Amendment

APPENDIX A

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY - 2015/16 to 2019/20

Original Budget 2015/16 £	NET REQUIREMENTS OF PORTFOLIOS	Revised Budget 2015/16 £	Original Budget 2016/17 £	Forecast 2017/18 £	Forecast 2018/19 £	Forecast 2019/20 £
49,657,057	Children & Education	50,148,757	49,825,257	52,023,757	52,712,957	53,436,557
10,889,660	Culture Leisure & Sport	11,085,560	10,269,560	10,528,460	10,700,160	10,888,660
17,261,513	Environment & Community Safety	16,961,513	16,203,213	16,632,913	16,995,113	17,393,813
44,983,979	Health & Social Care	43,993,979	42,262,079	45,396,879	50,240,979	55,922,779
7,454,128	Housing	9,701,528	9,348,628	9,517,728	9,505,528	9,595,628
235,553	Leader	261,253	257,853	262,653	268,553	274,953
6,702,329	Planning Regeneration Economic Development	4,993,529	3,688,129	3,094,329	3,112,529	2,847,729
23,611,634	Resources	24,463,534	21,804,734	22,588,534	23,115,734	23,694,034
16,641,207	Traffic & Transportation	17,425,907	14,864,007	15,767,207	16,671,107	16,265,307
288,800	Governance, Audit & Standards Committee	318,800	249,700	114,600	120,100	125,800
(226,295)	Licensing Committee	(226,195)	(210,295)	(210,795)	(216,395)	(222,595)
177,499,565	Portfolio Expenditure	179,128,165	168,562,865	175,716,265	183,225,765	190,222,665
0	Other Expenditure	0	0	37,400	38,300	38,300
(125,000)	Precepts	(125,000)	(125,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
6,261,000	Portchester Crematorium - Share of Dividend	6,261,000	6,672,000	7,172,000	7,672,000	7,672,000
7,305,000	Pension Costs	5,600,000	6,673,600	4,607,500	4,607,500	4,607,500
65,500	Contingency Provision	1,645,700	1,565,500	1,500,000	0	0
1,411,700	Revenue Contributions to Capital Reserve	1,444,900	(438,300)	(585,400)	(503,000)	(503,000)
(27,300,865)	Transfer to / (from) Other Reserves	(29,478,065)	(27,242,965)	(25,815,965)	(26,591,165)	(25,278,465)
3,224,000	Asset Management Revenue Account	2,748,000	2,325,000	1,775,000	2,375,000	3,125,000
	Other Expenditure					
(9,158,665)	Other Expenditure	(11,903,465)	(10,570,165)	(11,409,465)	(12,501,365)	(10,438,665)
168,340,900	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	167,224,700	157,992,700	164,306,800	170,724,400	179,784,000
	FINANCED BY:					
1,150,431	Contribution (to) from Balances and Reserves	(1,531,854)	(1,426,053)	9,237,942	15,731,202	23,924,278
38,375,386	Revenue Support Grant	36,537,645	30,363,225	22,313,120	16,956,583	11,482,607
42,768,544	Business Rates Retention	42,768,544	44,084,127	45,268,918	46,604,385	48,093,945
21,783,181	Other General Grants	23,184,969	19,970,156	19,652,090	20,884,689	22,916,811
64,263,358	Collection Fund	64,265,396	65,001,245	67,834,730	70,547,541	73,366,359
168,340,900	BALANCES & RESERVES	167,224,700	157,992,700	164,306,800	170,724,400	179,784,000
14,599,236	Balance brought forward at 1 April	14,863,858	16,395,712	17,821,765	8,583,823	(7,147,379)
(1,150,431)	Deduct (Deficit) / Add Surplus for Year	1,531,854	1,426,053	(9,237,942)	(15,731,202)	(23,924,278)
13,448,805	Balance carried forward at 31 March	16,395,712	17,821,765	8,583,823	(7,147,379)	(31,071,657)
6,500,000	Minimum Level of Balances	6,500,000	7,000,000	7,600,000	7,600,000	7,600,000
1,150,431	Underlying Budget Deficit / (Surplus)	(1,531,854)	(1,426,053)	9,237,942	15,731,202	23,924,278