

<p>Council Meeting 1 March 2011</p>

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
AGENDA ITEM 5.3

5.3.3 AMENDMENT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

(i) AGENDA ITEM 5.1.2: REPORT OF CABINET - 14 FEBRUARY 2011 – COUNCIL BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2110/12

Amendments in the names of:

(a) Councillor Alison Moore

The Labour Group alternative budget proposal is attached at Appendix A

(b) Councillor Jack Cohen

1. Council welcomes the proposals in the Liberal Democrat Budget that offer realistic alternative savings that can be adopted by the Council in order to protect services for residents in the borough.
2. Council resolves to accept the proposal in the Liberal Democrat Alternative budget.
3. Council further resolves to call on Cabinet to investigate whether the planned spend on consultants and agency staff is appropriate and to seek to reduce this spend and use the savings to support and enhance front line services .

The Liberal Democrat Group alternative budget proposal is attached at Appendix B.

Aysen Giritli
Democratic Services Manager

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Amendment to be moved in the name of Councillor Moore

To amend 1.8 [a]	replace	£906,491,925	with	£906,307,555
To amend 1.8 [b]	replace	£651,520,362	with	£651,335,992
To amend 1.8 [c]	replace	£254,971,563	with	£254,971,563

The Labour Group Budget Proposals for 2011-12

	£	Chief Finance Officer's Comments
PART 1 - REVENUE		
<u>Variations in Expenditure</u>		
Keep One Barnet year 1 savings but remove years 2 and 3 savings and review approach; save on costs in 2011/12 in developing new approach	(250,000)	This proposal will create budget gaps of £3.408m in 2012/13 and £4.013m in 2013/14. It is an objective of the financial planning process to balance planned expenditure against assumed resources for a three-year period.
Reduce consultants spend on website & IT, project management, secondments, dormant projects in Commercial Services, Strategy, Regeneration and One Barnet	(1,027,869)	
Reduce agency cover for the first 6 weeks of staff absence	(1,400,000)	
Scrap Barnet First	(75,000)	This proposal will have the effect of reducing staff resources across the full range of Council services, and will therefore impact on the quantum and quality of services delivered.
Streamline Scrutiny	(48,370)	
Streamline Area Environment Subs	(7,104)	
Reduce Cabinet to 7	(52,365)	
Reciprocal reduction in Shadow Cabinet to 7	(7,104)	
Delete SRA for Chair of Constitution Committee	(8,852)	
Delete SRA for Pension Fund Committee Members	(20,069)	
Delete Cabinet Advisor Post	(62,930)	
Delete Assistant Chief Executive - 9 months savings	(124,478)	
Delete AD Communications Post - 9 months savings	(88,830)	
Delete Media Manager Post	(56,020)	
Delete Communications Post	(35,690)	
Delete Civic Events Officer Post	(38,850)	
Reduce Civic & Ceremonial Events	(10,000)	
Delete Director of Corporate Governance - 9 months savings	(135,000)	
Merge Director of Adults & Children's Service - 9 months savings	(150,000)	
Delete Deputy Director of Children's Service Post - 9 months savings	(119,475)	
Delete GIS officer post	(35,690)	
Delete Customer Services Officer Post	(31,500)	
Delete Enforcements & Operations Manager Post	(61,300)	

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Delete 4 AD posts from PHR - 9 months savings	(271,560)	
Reduce Remaining Directors & AD pay by 15% - 9 months savings	(384,635)	
Delete refreshments for councillors at Full Council meetings	(2,450)	
Delete Use of Resources Project Management earmarked reserve	(50,000)	
Delete Members' Training Budget	(47,230)	
Retain all Children Centres and reduce 20% of the commissioned	2,110,000	
Retain all sheltered housing wardens	150,000	
Maintain arts depot, Barnet Museum & Church Farm House Museum	234,000	
Retain lollipop people / school crossing patrols	117,000	
Reverse Adults Voluntary Sector cuts	350,000	
Reverse Youth Service cut	1,457,000	

(184,370)

Variations in Income

Freeze Allotment Rents	14,000	
Freeze 1st Parking Permit	561,420	
Reverse visitors permits increase	590,000	
Reverse Green parking permit increase	5,250	
Delete Cllrs free parking permits	(3,300)	
Additional Income from extended hours of monitoring Bus Lane CCTV	(983,000)	
		184,370
Variation in net service expenditure		0
Contribution from balances - maintained at £15m		
Variation to revenue budget recommended by Cabinet	0	0

PART 2 - CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Variation in Capital Programme

Recommendation 1.2

1. We agree to review the councils planned increase in charges for 2011/12 and restructure & reduce these where they are considered excessive

2. We instruct officers to prepare a full report implementing these proposals and to be funded within the total funding identified within this budget.

Note: A - Sheltered Housing Wardens - It is the intention to fully fund this service recurrently in future years.

Amendment to be moved in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen

<u>The Liberal Group Budget Proposals for 2011/12</u>		2011/12	
		£	
PART 1 - REVENUE			Chief Finance Officer's Comments
<u>Variations in Expenditure</u>			Actuals
Reduce Cabinet to 4		(69,618)	
Transfer from contingency		(1,215,484)	
			The Chief Finance Officer (CFO) is required under section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 to report to the Council on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves. The budget proposed to Council by the Cabinet has been confirmed as robust by the CFO. A key factor in this judgement is the level of the contingency budget. In the judgement of the CFO, the proposed reduction in the level of the contingency budget proposed above would have an adverse effect on the robustness of the estimates, and its inclusion in any revised budget by the Council would be contrary to the formal advice of the CFO.
Reduce publications budget across directorates		(110,000)	
Teenage pregnancy continue support		90,000	
Reduce frequency of Barnet First publication		(75,000)	
Leader Listens		(107,000)	
Re-introduce cap on member allowances, including Leader and Deputy Leader		(79,016)	
Delete Assistant Director of Strategy - not in post 12 month saving		(122,610)	
Residents Attitutde Survey		(25,000)	
Reduce subscription payments across directorates		(300,000)	
Delete deputy director of childrens services - 9 month saving		(119,475)	
Merge directors post for adults and children services - 9 month saving		(150,000)	
Reverse Childrens service reductions youth support		1,407,000	
Reverse childrens service reductions at two premises		50,000	

Church farm house museum	40,000	
School crossing patrols reverse savings for staff costs	41,503	
School crossing patrol net efficiencies	75,000	
Delete Assistant Director of Commercial Services - agency costs	(138,300)	
Refocus expenditure childrens centre	285,000	
Continue neighbourhood skip service	238,000	
		(285,000)

Variations in Income

Increase income for canteens at NLBP	(10,000)	
Reduce increase in visitors vouchers permits by 90%	531,000	
Reduce increase in residents parking permits by 90%	747,000	
Extend hours on existing cctv bus lanes and pay and display increase enforcement	(983,000)	
		285,000

Variation in net service expenditure	0
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Contribution from balances	
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Variation to revenue budget recommended by Cabinet	0	0
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PART 2 - CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Variation in Capital Programme

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