

<u>MEETING</u>
COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u>
TUESDAY 4TH MARCH, 2014
AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u>
HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, NW4 4BG

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
2.1	Report from Cabinet - 25 February 2014: Business Planning 2014/15 – 2015/16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Group Budget Amendment - 2014/15 • Liberal Democrat Group Budget Amendment - 2014/15 	1 - 4

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To amend 1.8 [a]	replace	£949,451,502	with	£949,250,627
To amend 1.8 [b]	replace	£807,876,284	with	£807,675,409
To amend 1.8 [c]	replace	£141,575,218	with	£141,575,218

AGENDA ITEM 2.1

2014/15

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PART 1 - REVENUE

Chief Finance Officer comments

Variations in ExpenditureOngoingRevenue savings

Reduce consultants spend	(250,568)
Reduce agency cover	(250,000)
Scrap Barnet First	(75,000)
Delete Cabinet SRAs & set SRA for Chairs and Vice Chairs of new committees at a lower band - new committee system	(64,100)
Reduce Shadow Cabinet SRAs in line with 6 new commissioning committees	(7,104)
Reduce Leader & Deputy Leader SRA	(1,338)
Make General Functions a sub-committee of Policy & Resources - delete SRA for Chair	(15,333)
Reduce Chair of Licensing SRA	(12,965)
Delete SRAs for members of Pension Fund Committee	(14,208)
Joint Chairs of Resident Forums and Environment Subs	(7,104)
Delete Chair of BMOSC SRA	(15,333)
Delete Chair of B&P SRA	(15,333)
Delete Chair of Education OSC	(15,333)
Delete Chair of Contracts OSC SRA	(15,333)
Delete Chair of Safeguarding OSC SRA	(15,333)
Reduce Chair of Audit SRA	(6,481)
Delete Governance support (1 post) in line with reduction in number of committees (from 8 to 6)	(35,000)
Delete Cabinet Advisor post in line with move to new committee system	(62,930)
Delete Media Manager post	(46,000)
Delete Communications post	(41,000)
Delete Civic Events Officer post	(26,000)
Delete Enforcement & Operations Manager post	(62,070)
Delete refreshments for councillors at Council meetings	(2,000)
Delete Member's training budget	(25,000)
Delete two EA for Directors Group	(80,000)
Saving in Pay by Phone from cash enabling meters	(180,000)

Revenue Developments

Cash enable current parking meters based on twice weekly collection (revenue costs)	149,991
Weekend top-up cleanse of town centres	137,500
Street cleaning 'hotspots' fund for residential areas	100,000
Free bulky item collection service - 3 items 3 times a year	277,500
Barnet card (revenue costs)	135,000
Webcasting all council meetings	40,000
Increase Neighbourhood Budgets	300,000
Support for carers	260,000
Home MOTs for older people discharged from hospital	260,000
Outreach/floating welfare advice service in children's centres (2x posts)	80,000
Carers support, home MOTs and welfare advice posts funded from Public Health budget	(600,000)

One Off

Traders support & town centre development project	50,000
Domestic violence phone app.	8,000
Funded by Service Development Reserve & Transformation Reserve	(58,000)
Fairness Commission	50,000
Housing Commission	50,000
Commissions funded from Transformation Reserve	(100,000)
Greenwich Leisure contract shortfall (one year only)	600,000
GLL contract shortfall funded from Risk Reserve	(600,000)

(200,875)

Variations in IncomeOngoing

Delete councillors free parking permits	(4,125)
Free 30 minutes parking period in town centres	155,000
December weekend free parking	50,000

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Variation to revenue budget recommended by Cabinet

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PART 2 - CAPITAL PROGRAMMEVariation in Capital Programme

Cash enable current parking meters (capital cost)	26,000
Set-up Barnet Card	449,000
Funded from Service Development Reserve	(475,000)
Investment to build more affordable homes	4,000,000
Funded from New Homes Bonus	(4,000,000)

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Recommendation

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Liberal Democrat Group Budget Amendment - 2014/15

1. Council welcomes the Proposals in the Liberal Democrat Alternative Budget. The proposals include verified savings and verified developments that can be adopted by Council whilst at the same time freezing Council Tax.
2. Council resolves to accept the Liberal Democrat Alternative Budget.

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To amend 1.8 [c]	replace	£141,575,218	with	£141,575,218

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PART 1 - REVENUE

Chief Finance Officer comments

Variations in Expenditure**Ongoing**

CT freeze (as opposed to 1% reduction)	(1,400,000)
Capped special allowances	(87,000)
Reduce publications budget across directorates (100% reduction)	(110,000)
Reduce frequency of Barnet First publications	(37,500)
Cut Residents Attitude Survey	(45,000)
Reduce subscriptions payments across Directorates (50% reduction)	(302,000)
Training budgets (20% reduction)	(280,000)
Reduce Agency spend	(250,000)
Delete political assistants post	(83,000)
Re-introduce Youth offer	500,000
Re-introduce substance misuse funding	84,000
Re-introduce library funding	32,000
Reverse dimming on PFI street lighting	200,000
Reintroduce the Neighbourhood skip service	243,000
Re-introduce Neighbourhood warden scheme	280,000
Use of taxi card twice in one journey	45,000
Reduce impact of delaying recruitment in Children's Services	250,000
Provide Education Welfare Officer and Education Psychologist service to schools at a reduced cost	166,500
CCTV	250,000

(416,000)

Variations in Income**Ongoing**

Income from charging members for parking permits	(4,000)
30min free parking (60% reduction assumed)	237,000
Cancel policy to charge for private events in parks	20,000
Freezing Children's centres, libraries and youth charges to 2012/13 prices	97,000

One Off

Free weekends in December - Xmas parking in town centres	66,000
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416,000

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Variation to revenue budget recommended by Cabinet

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PART 2 - CAPITAL PROGRAMME**Variation in Capital Programme**

None