

<u>MEETING</u> COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> TUESDAY 1ST MARCH, 2016 AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u> HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed the Labour Group Alternative Budget submitted in accordance with sections 4.3.10 – 4.3.13 of the Financial Regulations set out in the Council's Constitution.

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11.1	Report of Policy and Resources Committee- Business Planning 2015/16 to 2019/20 – Labour Group Alternative Budget	1 - 6

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Council Meeting

To amend 1.6 [a]	replace	956,469,590	with	£956,883,590
To amend 1.6 [b]	replace	804,761,913	with	£805,175,913
To amend 1.6 [c]	replace	151,707,677	with	£151,707,677

Future years 2017/18 to 2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£	£	£
MTFS savings target	(21,871,000)	(19,443,000)	(15,230,000)
Variation in Expenditure	2,930,000	2,990,000	3,057,000
Variation in Income	(2,930,000)	(2,990,000)	(3,057,000)
Revised MTFS savings target	(21,871,000)	(19,443,000)	(15,230,000)

The Labour Group Budget Proposals	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£	£	£	£

PART 1 - REVENUE

Variations in Expenditure

Ongoing savings

Reduce consultant spend	(250,000)
Reduce agency cover	(250,000)
Stop Barnet First	(75,000)
Reduce Commissioning Committees - 8-4 delete SRAs	(61,332)
Delete 2 Governance Posts	(106,000)
Make General Functions Committee a sub-committee of Policy and Resources - delete SRA for chair	(15,333)
Reduce Chair of Licensing SRA	(6,484)
Joint Chair of Residents Forums and Environment Subs	(7,104)
Reduce Chair of Audit SRA	(6,481)
Delete SRAs for Vice Chairs of Commissioning Committees	(18,994)
Delete Commissioning Directors in Adults and Children's	(351,000)

Comments

The statutory designations DCS and DASS would need to move to other director roles in the organisation.

Delete Media Manager post	(49,250)
Delete refreshments for councillors at Council meetings	(3,500)
Reduce top 2 tier senior staff posts by 25%	(552,000)
Delete GIS Manager	(58,300)
Delete 1 Commercial, Performance & Development Manager	(71,100)
Delete 1 Commissioning Policy Advisor	(46,860)
Delete Internal Communications Manager	(64,100)
Delete 1 Information Management Officer	(54,400)
Delete Head of Programmes and Resources	(87,800)
Delete 1 Performance Monitoring Manager	(62,800)
Delete Information Manager	(68,706)
Reduce Mayor's budget	(75,000)
Delete Director of Strategy and Communications post	(150,000)

AGENDA ITEM 11.1

Developments

Reverse 2016/17 libraries saving	194,000			
Surplus taken to reserves in 16/17 to cover reversal of future year (2017-20) library savings	2,083,000			
Social Care Precept Expenditure (at full 2%)	411,000	2,930,000	2,990,000	3,057,000
6 additional Police Constables under the MOPAC 'buy one get one free' offer to councils	198,000			
Neighbourhood Watch support - funding for crime reduction projects	19,544			
	<u>414,000</u>	<u>2,930,000</u>	<u>2,990,000</u>	<u>3,057,000</u>

One-off

Develop new Library Service proposals and re-consult	200,000			
Use of reserves to fund re-consultation	(200,000)			
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Variations in Income**Ongoing**

Delete councillors free parking permits	(3,000)			
Social Care Precept Income (at full 2%)	(411,000)	(2,930,000)	(2,990,000)	(3,057,000)
	<u>(414,000)</u>	<u>(2,930,000)</u>	<u>(2,990,000)</u>	<u>(3,057,000)</u>

One-off

N/A				
N/A				
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Variation to revenue budget recommended

	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
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Capital Adjustments

Part 2 Capital

Current Total Capital Programme total to 2019/2020

	565m	Replace	709m	Add the additions below	
<u>The Labour Group Budget Proposals</u>	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Comments
	£	£	£	£	
<u>Capital Proposal</u>					
Building 800 new social homes for rent					This would be subject to feasibility of sites and full business case.
	36	36	36	36	
Funded by: borrowing, future right to buy and commuted sums and rent at 50% market rent					
	36	36	36	36	

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Labour Group Budget Amendment

Housing

Budget amendment proposes an increase in the capital programme of £144m in order to build 800 additional social homes for rent in the borough to replace those that will be lost through the council estate regenerations. This is to be funded through a mix of future right to buy receipts and commuted sums along with borrowing. Rent would be charged at 50% market rent and will enable payback of the borrowing.

The housing investment would be subject to the feasibility of sites and a full business case.

Social Care Precept

Budget amendment proposes that the social care precept is applied at the maximum 2% in 2016/17 and every year up to 2020. This would not only be used to fund services in Adults and Communities delivery unit but also to support the work done with adults in the 0-25 service.

Libraries

Budget amendment reverses the library cuts in 2016/17 and future years and proposes developing a new Library service offer.

Extra Police

Budget amendment proposes 6 additional police officers by purchasing 3 police constables under the MOPAC 'buy one get one free' offer to local authorities to help reduce crime in Barnet.

Other savings

Budget amendment proposes balancing the budget by making a number of savings in spend from council communications, consultants, agency staff, reducing the number of committees, reducing the number of councillors' special responsibility allowances, deleting administration councillors parking permits and deletion of some established posts. Detail listed in spreadsheet.

With the deletion of the Adults and Children's Commissioning Director posts, the statutory designated posts of Director of Children's Services and Director of Adults Social Services would move to the Delivery Unit Directors.

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