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5 FEBRUARY 2015

Conservative Group Proposed Amendments to the Administration's
2015/16 General Fund Budget

The following proposed amendments to the 2015/16 General Fund budget to be considered by Council on 5 February 2015, have been received from the Conservative Group.

Under the rules of Codes and Protocols set out in the Council's Constitution, the following amendments have been proposed by Councillor Russell Perrin and seconded by Councillor Andrew Johnson:

1. Implement a Council Tax freeze which removes £95,000 of Council Tax income from the proposed General Fund budget.
2. As a result of (1) above accept the Government's Council Tax Freeze Grant of £75,263.
3. In addition reduce Council Tax by a further 0.5% at a cost of £31,000.
4. Reduce the General Fund severance budget by £50,000.
5. Close the Council's in house Reprographics Service, funding £104,460 of leasing penalties from General Fund Reserves and saving £91,460 in running costs with existing employees from the unit to be redeployed within the Council.
6. Create a new budget for the external procurement of printing at a cost of £45,000.
7. Reduce the Chairman's Allowance to the levels of expenditure in 2013/14 saving £4,000.
8. Reduce Governance Service subscriptions by £350.
9. Reduce Community Wellbeing Service subscriptions by £4,000.
10. Increase income from roundabout sponsorship by £6,000 through partnership working.
11. Increase funding to the Community Safety Team £58,073.
12. Increase funding for playgrounds £2,000.