

Amendment Received for Council – 17 February 2021

Item 4 - Conservative Group Amendment to 2021 – 2022 Budget

The Council notes the request of the Executive to consider and adopt the resolutions contained the joint reports of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Corporate Director of Finance and Systems, presented to the Executive on 17 February 2021 and set out (a) – (d) below.

To set and approve the Council Tax Requirement for the District for the year beginning 1 April 2021, in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

To set and approve, in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended, the amounts as the amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2021/2022 for each of the categories of dwellings included in the respective valuation bands A to H.

- (a) Executive's Revenue Budget Proposals 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 - 2023/24
- (b) Capital Strategy, Asset Investment Strategy, Capital Programme and Prudential and Local Indicators 2021-2024
- (c) Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 - 2023/24
- (d) Fees, Charges and Allowances 2021/22

The Council agrees these recommendations subject to removing the following proposals. The cost in 2021-2022 of removing the proposals is given in brackets.

1. The introduction of charges for home to school transport. (£48,000)
2. The increase in parking charges in our villages. (£64,000)
3. The introduction of higher parking charges in town centres. (£136,000)
4. To disallow free parking after 3.00pm at Christmas time. (£50,000)
5. The introduction of further dimming of street-lights, delaying when lights come on at night and switching off lights before dawn. (£75,000)
6. Stopping routine checks that street-lights are working. (£9,000)
7. Reducing the response time for engineers to address problems such as faulty street-lights. (£82,000)
8. Decreasing the grass cutting in interval to 21 days. (£67,000)
9. To reduce the maintenance of green spaces. (£36,000)
10. To reduce the spraying of weeds to once a year. (£20,000)
11. To cut Trafford Council's contribution to the City of Trees programme. (£80,000)

The Corporate Director for Finance and Systems has advised that these proposals, if adopted, would enable the Council to set a legal budget. The total cost of this amendment (£717,000) would be funded through the application monies held in the Budget Support Reserve.