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Amendments 1 to 11 to the Budget Motion

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COUNCIL MEETING – 25th FEBRUARY 2015

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A 1	20/2/15	20/2/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Andrew Carter
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Deputy Chief Executive

In 6 (i) a) substitute £523.784m with £518.886m and delete “with a 1.99% increase in the Leeds’ element of the Council Tax for 2015/16” and substitute with “with no increase in the Leeds element of the Council Tax for 2015/16”.

In 6 (i) a), after the words "be approved" add “subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate to reflect the £4.9m reduction in Council Tax income

- (a) an increase of £2.9m in grant income in the Strategic budget in respect of accepting the 2015/16 Council Tax Freeze Grant
- (b) a reduction in the Strategic budget of £1.2m to be achieved by the early disposal of a property using the capital receipt to reduce capital financing costs
- (c) a reduction of £300k in the Citizens and Communities budget for the local welfare support scheme to £800k
- (d) a reduction in the Strategic budget of £200k to be achieved through a reduction in the cost of full time Trade Union Conveners
- (e) a reduction of £300k in the strategic budget for a council wide reduction in spend on agency staffing for support, administration and management roles



Councillor Andrew Carter

* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

Deadlines for submission

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| White Papers | - *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons |
| Questions | - 10.00 am on Monday prior to meeting |

Budget Amendments - 10.00 am on Friday 20th February 2015

Amendments - 1.30 pm on Tuesday prior to meeting
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COUNCIL MEETING – 25th FEBRUARY 2015

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A 2	20/2/15	20/2/15

Submitted by: Councillor Andrew Carter
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Deputy Chief Executive

In 6 (i) a), or 6 (i) a) as amended, after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

- (a) an increase of £900k in the Strategic budget for the introduction of the living wage to bring all non-school staff up to a minimum pay level of £7.85 per hour from 1st December 2015
- (b) a reduction in the Strategic budget of £400k from the half year impact of removing overtime rates paid at double time.
- (c) a reduction in the Strategic budget of £500k to reflect the half year impact of the freezing of increments for Principal Officer staff"



Councillor Andrew Carter

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COUNCIL MEETING – 25th FEBRUARY 2015

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Amendment to the Budget Motion	A 3	20/2/15	20/2/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Andrew Carter
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Deputy Chief Executive

In 6 (i) a), or 6 (i) a) as amended, after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

- (a) an increase of £250k in the Strategic budget for the creation of apprenticeships within the council
- (b) a reduction in the Children's Services budget of £250k in respect of the Learning Skills and Universal Services budget"



Councillor Andrew Carter

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Amendment to the Budget Motion	A 4	202/15	20/2/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Andrew Carter
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Deputy Chief Executive

In 6 (iii) a), after the words “be approved” add:

“subject to an amendment to the capital programme as set out below:

- (a) the injection into the capital programme of £2m for an additional road maintenance programme to be funded from re-phasing of the Capital Programme”



Councillor Andrew Carter

* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

Deadlines for submission

- White Papers - *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
- Questions - 10.00 am on Monday prior to meeting
- Budget Amendments - 10.00 am on Friday 20th February 2015**
- Amendments - 1.30 pm on Tuesday prior to meeting
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COUNCIL MEETING – 25th FEBRUARY 2015

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A5	20/2/15	20/2/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Golton
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Deputy Chief Executive

In 6 (i) a) after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

- (a) an increase of £450k in the Children's Services budget to supply all children from the age of 6 months up to their 4th birthday with 'Healthy Start vitamins' to be funded from a reduction in the Adult Social Care contingency provision within the commissioning budget"



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Deadlines for submission

White Papers	- *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
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NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A 6	20/2/15	20/2/15

Submitted by: Councillor Golton
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Deputy Chief Executive

In 6 (i) a) after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

(a) An increase of £337k to the City Development budget to provide for the year one prudential borrowing costs of installing LED lighting in residential areas

(b) An increase in the use of general reserves of £337k

and in 6 (iii) a), after the words "be approved" add:

"subject to the injection to the capital programme of £10m for an unsupported borrowing scheme to commence a programme of installing LED lighting in residential areas"



* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

Deadlines for submission

White Papers - *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
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NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A 7	20/2/15	20/2/15

Submitted by:	Councillor Golton
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Deputy Chief Executive

In 6 (i) a) after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 4 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

- (a) an increase of £361k in the City Development budget to provide for the year one prudential borrowing costs of additional capital investment in cycling facilities and for cost of revenue investment in the current year
- (b) a reduction of £361k in the Strategic budget to be achieved through a reduction in Trade Union convenors time

and in 6 (iii) a), after the words "be approved" add:

"subject to the injection to the capital programme of £10.0m for an unsupported borrowing scheme to provide additional investment in cycling facilities"



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NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A 8	20/2/15	20/2/15
Submitted by: Councillor David Blackburn		Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board	
Executive Member/Chair: Deputy Chief Executive			

In 6 (i) a) after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

- (a) an increase in the Citizens and Communities budget of £150k representing the reversal of the reduction to the Well Being budget
- (b) an increase in the Citizens and Communities budget of £1m, reflecting an increase in the Local Welfare Support budget
- (c) a reduction in the Civic Enterprise Leeds budget of £40k to reflect a 25% reduction in lighting within council offices
- (d) an increase in income of £440k in the Strategic budget to be achieved through increasing fees and charges by 2% where appropriate
- (e) a reduction of £194k in the Strategy and Resources budget to be achieved by a 28% reduction in Special Responsibility allowances paid to members
- (f) a reduction of £19k in the Strategy and Resources budget to be achieved by reducing the number of scrutiny boards by one
- (g) a reduction of £8k in the Strategy and Resources budget, reflecting a 5% cut in PCs across the Council.
- (h) an increase in the use of general fund reserves of £449k"

David Blackburn

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COUNCIL MEETING – 25th FEBRUARY 2015

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A9	20/2/15	20/2/15
Submitted by: Councillor David Blackburn		Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board	
Executive Member/Chair: Deputy Chief Executive			

In 6 (i) a) after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

- (a) an increase of £50k in the Strategic budget to provide a contingency fund for the establishment of at least two community shops to retail out of date food
- (b) an increase in the use of general fund reserves of £50k"

David Blackburn

* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

Deadlines for submission

White Papers - *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
 Questions - 10.00 am on Monday prior to meeting
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COUNCIL MEETING – 25th FEBRUARY 2015

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A10	20/2/15	20/2/15
Submitted by:	Councillor David Blackburn		
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board		
Executive Member/Chair:	Deputy Chief Executive		

In 6 (i) a) after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

- (a) an increase of £33k in the Environment and Housing budget to reflect the establishment of an energy advice line
- (b) an increase in the use of general fund reserves of £33k"

David Blackburn

* Director to provide a copy of draft reply to Kevin Tomkinson, Governance Services by: n/a

Deadlines for submission

- White Papers - *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
- Questions - 10.00 am on Monday prior to meeting
- Budget Amendments - 10.00 am on Friday 20th February 2015**
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COUNCIL MEETING – 25th FEBRUARY 2015

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
Amendment to the Budget Motion	A11	20/2/15	20/2/15

Submitted by:	Councillor David Blackburn
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Deputy Chief Executive

In 6 (i) a) after the words "be approved" add "subject to amendment to the Council's budget for 2015/16 as set out below and adjustments to the figures at 6 (ii) 2 a to f and accompanying tables as appropriate

- (a) an increase of £330k in the Citizens and Communities budget to be allocated to community committees for environmental projects
- (b) an increase in the use of general fund reserves of £330k"

David Blackburn

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Deadlines for submission

White Papers - *10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
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REPORT OF the Deputy Chief Executive

REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: 25th February 2015

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 – CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report provides Members of Council with comments on the robustness of the proposals contained in the amendments to the Budget Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Carter.

2. ROBUSTNESS OF ESTIMATES

- 2.1 The Local Government Act (Part II) 2003 places a requirement on the Council that when making decisions on the setting of the Council's budget and the Council Tax, they must consider a report from the Council's statutory finance officer (The Deputy Chief Executive) on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves within the proposals. The report of the Deputy Chief Executive at item 6 (i) on the Council Summons includes at section 9 comments to this effect in respect of the proposed Budget Motion.
- 2.2. Given this requirement, in considering any proposed amendment to the Budget Motion, Members must also consider the comments of the Deputy Chief Executive on the robustness of the proposals. These comments supplement those contained in the main report.

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 3.1 Councillor Andrew Carter's amendments to the Budget Motion set out his proposals showing areas of additional spend and the sources of funding which are largely self explanatory. In considering these amendments, the Deputy Chief Executive would wish members of Council to be aware of the following:

- (a) In amendment 1 a freeze on the Council Tax may have an impact on the income base of the Council going forward and the freeze grant is only certain for the current year.
 - (b) Amendments 1 and 2 propose a reduction in the funding of full time union convenors and trade union meetings, a freeze on all increments for Principal Officers and above and ceasing the payment of overtime at double time. As these form part of employees' terms and conditions of employment they can only be achieved either by a collective agreement with the Trade Unions or through the dismissal and reengagement of staff on new contracts of employment. The amendments assume that they could be achieved within a six month timescale.
 - (c) In amendment 1, there is a proposals for a reduction in spend on agency staff targeted at support, administrative and management levels, and £0.3m represents around 11% of anticipated agency staffing spend in these areas. A reduction of this size would therefore need careful management to prevent any adverse impact on service delivery.
 - (d) Amendment 1 also proposes the early disposal of a council property using the capital receipt to reduce the capital financing costs. There is an assumption that this can be achieved within the timescales but this is not without risk. Should this not be achieved other savings will have to be found during the year.
- 3.2 Should these budget amendments be approved, they will be subject to the Council's procedures for further consultation and will need to be informed by Equality Impact Assessments as appropriate.

4. OVERALL CONCLUSION

The Budget Motion to Council reflects a significant reduction in funding and as such contains savings proposals which carry varying degrees of risk. This is set out in section 9 of the main budget report and in each of the specific Directorate reports attached.

In conclusion, the amendments to the Budget Motion in the name of Cllr Andrew Carter will not materially impact on the overall robustness of the Council's estimates for 2015/16 or the adequacy of its general fund reserves as at 31st March 2015.

REPORT OF the Deputy Chief Executive

REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: 25th February 2015

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 – LIBERAL DEMOCRATS AMENDMENT

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report provides Members of Council with comments on the robustness of the proposals contained in the amendments to the Budget Motion in the name of Councillor Stewart Golton.

2. ROBUSTNESS OF ESTIMATES

- 2.1 The Local Government Act (Part II) 2003 places a requirement on the Council that when making decisions on the setting of the Council's budget and the Council Tax, they must consider a report from the Council's statutory finance officer (The Deputy Chief Executive) on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves within the proposals. The report of the Deputy Chief Executive at item 6 (i) on the Council Summons includes at section 9 comments to this effect in respect of the proposed Budget Motion.
- 2.2. Given this requirement, in considering any proposed amendment to the Budget Motion, Members must also consider the comments of the Deputy Chief Executive on the robustness of the proposals. These comments supplement those contained in the main report.

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 3.1 Councillor Golton's amendments to the Budget Motion set out his proposals showing areas of additional spend and the sources of funding which are largely self explanatory. In considering these amendments, the Deputy Chief Executive would wish members of Council to be aware of the following:

- (a) In amendment 6 the proposal is to borrow £10m funded in year one by an increase in the use of general fund reserves of £337k which would result in general fund reserves of £20.8m as at 31st March 2016, which is within the tolerance limit under the risk based reserves strategy.
- (b) In amendment 7 the proposal is to borrow £10m funded in year one by a reduction of £337k in the cost of full time trade union convenors. This would require an amendment to the Trade Union facilities agreement.

3.2 Should these budget amendments be approved, they will be subject to the Council's procedures for further consultation and will need to be informed by Equality Impact Assessments as appropriate.

4. OVERALL CONCLUSION

The Budget Motion to Council reflects a significant reduction in funding and as such contains savings proposals which carry varying degrees of risk. This is set out in section 9 of the main budget report and in each of the specific Directorate reports attached.

In conclusion, the amendments to the Budget Motion in the name of Cllr Stewart Golton will not materially impact on the overall robustness of the Council's estimates for 2015/16 or the adequacy of its general fund reserves as at 31st March 2016.

REPORT OF the Deputy Chief Executive

REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: 25th February 2015

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 – GREEN AMENDMENT

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report provides Members of Council with comments on the robustness of the proposals contained in the amendments to the Budget Motion in the name of Councillor David Blackburn.

2. ROBUSTNESS OF ESTIMATES

- 2.1 The Local Government Act (Part II) 2003 places a requirement on the Council that when making decisions on the setting of the Council's budget and the Council Tax, they must consider a report from the Council's statutory finance officer (The Deputy Chief Executive) on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves within the proposals. The report of the Deputy Chief Executive at item 6 (i) on the Council Summons includes at section 9 comments to this effect in respect of the proposed Budget Motion.
- 2.2. Given this requirement, in considering any proposed amendment to the Budget Motion, Members must also consider the comments of the Deputy Chief Executive on the robustness of the proposals. These comments supplement those contained in the main report.

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 3.1 Councillor Blackburn's amendments to the Budget Motion set out his proposals showing areas of additional spend and the sources of funding which are largely self explanatory. In considering these amendments, the Deputy Chief Executive would wish members of Council to be aware of the following:

- (a) In amendment 8, a 2% increase in income generated from reviewing the level of fees and charges is proposed. Whilst there may be some customer resistance it is considered that within the overall context of the Council's budget, this assumption is reasonable.
- (b) In amendments 8, 9, 10 and 11 the cumulative effect is to increase the use of general fund reserves by £862k which would result in general fund reserves of £20.3m as at 31st March 2016 which is within the tolerance limit under the risk based reserves strategy.

3.2 Should these budget amendments be approved, they will be subject to the Council's procedures for further consultation and will need to be informed by Equality Impact Assessments as appropriate.

4. OVERALL CONCLUSION

The Budget Motion to Council reflects a significant reduction in funding and as such contains savings proposals which carry varying degrees of risk. This is set out in section 9 of the main budget report and in each of the specific Directorate reports attached.

In conclusion, the amendments to the Budget Motion in the name of Cllr David Blackburn will not materially impact on the overall robustness of the Council's estimates for 2015/16 or the adequacy of its general fund reserves as at 31st March 2016.