

COUNCIL MEETING 9 FEBRUARY 2016

The amendment is proposed by Cllr Julie Young, and seconded by Cllr Ivan Henderson.

Labour amendments to the Budget

- 1) An additional £250,000 to pay for 'Careers Direct'; an early intervention scheme designed to offer mobile, adaptive, and targeted careers advice for pupils studying at year nine level or above (staff costs), subject to increasing the budget for Skills in the Deputy Leader, Economic Growth, Waste and Recycling portfolio by £250,000 and reducing the budget for Essex initiatives in the Leader portfolio by an equivalent amount.
- 2) An additional £1,000,000 (one off) to create the Fuel Poverty Alleviation Fund, providing targeted, needs based measures to reduce fuel poverty. The programme will aim to insulate up to 2,500 homes subject to increasing the budget for Other operating costs by £1,000,000 funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund reserve being recommended to the Council.
- 3) A one off £700,000 Capital fund to pilot a cycling innovation project, focused on a single town. This will comprise of infrastructural improvements (bike hangers, pump stations etc.) subject to increasing the capital programme in the Infrastructure and Highways Delivery Portfolio and funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund reserve being recommended to the Council.
- 4) A £50,000 targeted, three year advertising campaign linked to proposal 3, subject to increasing the budget for Transport, Planning and the Environment by £50,000 for 2016/17 only and funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund reserve being recommended to the Council. This amendment will have an on-going impact be added to the Medium Term Resource Strategy for action to be identified to determine a permanent funding solution.
- 5) An additional £115,000 for two dedicated cycling officers within the planning department, tasked with ensuring that applications for new developments meet certain cycling friendly requirements, subject to increasing the budget for Transport, Planning and the Environment by £115,000 and funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund reserve being recommended to the Council. This amendment will have an on-going impact be added to the Medium Term Resource Strategy for action to be identified to determine a permanent funding solution.
- 6) An additional £3,230,000 to reverse reductions in funding for local highway panels Capital spend, subject to increasing the capital programme in the Infrastructure and Highways Delivery Portfolio by £3,230,000 and funded by a necessary adjustment to the Non carriageway assets capital block in the Infrastructure and highways Delivery Portfolio capital programme of the same amount.
- 7) An Additional £100,000 to pay for a Stop Smoking Support Services (SSSS) engagement scheme targeted at pupils studying at further education level on an ongoing basis, subject to increasing the communities and Healthy Living portfolio by £100,000 and reducing the budget for Communications in the Leader portfolio by an equivalent amount.
- 8) An Additional £100,000 to pay for an Essex wide communications campaign (advertising, social media, website etc.) designed to draw attention to Stop Smoking Support Services (SSSS) operating throughout the county on an ongoing basis. Subject to reappropriating £100,000 from general communications 3rd party spend to this proposal within the Communications budget in the Leader portfolio.
- 9) An additional £50,000 to pay for a one off consultation report, working with various partners to make recommendations on how to improve pay equity at ECC. Subject to increasing the HR budget in the Corporate Services portfolio by £50,000 and funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund reserve being recommended to the Council.
- 10) An additional £50,000 to pay for a one off report evaluating current highway maintenance/repair procedures, focusing on technical innovation with a forward thinking vision. The report will particularly look at flexibility, evaluation, early intervention strategies and the potential for devolved responsibility. Subject to increasing the Asset Management Planning budget in the Infrastructure and Highways Delivery portfolio by £50,000 and funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund reserve being recommended to the Council.

- 11) An additional £25,000 to pay for a one off report investigating the potential to devolve responsibility for street lighting and kerbside grass maintenance to district/borough councils. Subject to increasing the Asset Management Planning budget in the Infrastructure and Highways Delivery portfolio by £25,000 and funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund reserve being recommended to the Council.