Labour Party Amendment to the Budget: 13 February 2018

Proposed by Councillor Henderson and seconded by Councillor Young

Amendment to the Budget as below:

1) An additional £60,000 to carry out a one-off independent review of Children's services to ascertain what impact year on year budget savings have had on early intervention and prevention. Subject to increasing the budget for Children and Families portfolio by £60,000 funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund Reserve being recommended to the Council.

The outcome of this review will be used to re-design/amend and alter Essex County Council policy and strategy through the specific utilisation of £3m for Children's Innovation set aside in the existing Transformation & Digitalisation Reserve.

- 2) An additional £60,000 to carry out a one-off independent review into the impact of Early Intervention and Prevention on Adult Social Care. The outcome of this review will provide evidence to lobby Central Government to give future adequate funding of Adult Social Care for vulnerable residents in Essex. Subject to increasing the budget for Adult Social Care portfolio by £60,000 funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund Reserve being recommended to the Council.
- 3) An additional £105,000 to carry out a one-off independent review of Highways covering the quality of the contract and its impact. Subject to increasing the budget for Highways portfolio by £105,000 funded by a necessary adjustment to the earmarked revenue Innovation Fund Reserve being recommended to the Council.