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Dear Member,

## **County Council - Friday, 16 February 2024**

Please find enclosed the following documents for consideration at the meeting of the County Council on Friday, 16 February 2024 which have been issued since the agenda was published.

- | <b>Agenda No</b> | <b>Item</b>  |
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| <b>2.</b>        | <b>Members' Interests</b> (Pages 3 - 4)<br><br>List of declared interests.   |
| <b>4.</b>        | <b>Appointments</b> (Pages 5 - 6)<br><br>Nominations.  |
| <b>7.</b>        | <b>Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25</b> (Pages 7 - 14)<br><br>Proposed amendments by Cllr O'Kelly, Cllr Lord and Cllr Oxlade. |

Yours sincerely

Tony Kershaw  
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**To all members of the County Council**

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**County Council 16 February 2024****Agenda Item 2****Declaration of Members' Interests**

Members have declared interests as shown, in the paragraphs specified. Unless otherwise indicated, all the interests are personal but not prejudicial. "DC" = District Council, "BC" = Borough Council, "TC" = Town Council and "PC" = Parish Council.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Cllr Ali	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Crawley BC
Cllr Atkins	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Worthing BC
Cllr Baxter	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Worthing BC
Cllr Boram	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Adur DC
Cllr Burgess	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Crawley BC
Cllr Condie	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Burgess Hill TC
Cllr Cooper	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Arun DC
Cllr Elkins	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Arun DC
Cllr Greenway	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Arun DC
Cllr Lanzer	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Crawley BC
Cllr McGregor	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Adur DC, Lancing PC and Sompting PC
Cllr Mercer	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Chair of Orchard Hill College Academy Trust and Member of Horsham DC
Cllr Russell	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Mid Sussex DC
Cllr Smith	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Worthing BC and as a parent of a child with an Education and Health Care Plan maintained by West Sussex County Council

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<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Cllr Waight	7 – Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25	Member of Worthing BC

**County Council – 16 February 2024**

**Item No. 4**

**Committee Appointments**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Change</b>
Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee	Conservative vacancy – to be advised
Member Development Group	Cllr Payne in place of Cllr McGregor

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## County Council - 16 February 2024

### Item 7 - Council Plan and Budget 2024/25

#### Amendment by Cllr O'Kelly

- 1. Amend the wording at paragraph (a) on page 3 of Council Plan and Budget report to read as follows:**

The Council Plan for 2021 to 2025 is focussed on four priority outcomes **with an underlying commitment to climate change action and** ~~underpinned by a cross-cutting theme of 'Protecting the Environment'~~ and these remain unchanged for 2024/25.

- 2. Amend the wording at paragraph 2.6 on page 14 of the Council Plan and Budget report to read as follows:**

'Our Council Plan 2021-2025' is attached at **Appendix 8 with an underlying commitment to climate change action** and is ~~underpinned by the cross-cutting theme of 'Protecting the Environment'~~. The plan sets out the four key priorities for the County Council:

- 3. Amend paragraph 5.17 on page 51 of the Council Plan and Budget report to read as follows:**

**Climate change action and** protecting the environment remains a WSCC priority as outlined in the Council Plan and the Climate Change Strategy.

- 4. Amend the 7<sup>th</sup> bullet point on pages 137/8 of the Council Plan and Budget report to read as follows:**

West Sussex Transport Plan – we are delivering the objectives and strategic priorities for improving the transport network up to 2036 set out in our West Sussex Transport Plan of April 2022, to enable active travel and access to education, employment and services, and decarbonise the transport system while **taking action on climate change** and protecting the local environment.

- 5. Amend the wording of the second bullet point of paragraph 3.6 on page 164 of Council Plan and Budget report to read as follows:**

In line with the underlying **commitment to climate change action and** ~~theme of~~ protecting our environment, deliver the developments to a high quality that are appropriate to agreed design and sustainability standards, including electric vehicle charging points, air source heat pumps, feature porches and composite windows.

- 6. Amend the final line for In-Flight Approved Projects in the table at Appendix A of Annex 2a (Capital programme for Environment and Climate Change) on page 181 to read:**

**Climate Change action and** Protecting the Environment.

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## County Council - 16 February 2024

### Item 7 - Council Plan and Budget 2024/25

#### Amendment by Cllr Lord

#### Proposed amendment to the Revenue Budget

##### Ongoing Increase for Revenue Budget

Ongoing amendment to the revenue budget	2024/25 £'000
Active Travel Officer	55
Buses and Community Transport Officer	55
Rights of Way Officer	55
Operation Watershed Officer	40
Drainage Team Officer	80
Two outreach workers within the county-wide exploitation team, supporting children at risk from drug and/or sexual exploitation in our most deprived areas	84
Two additional officers within the emotional mental health & wellbeing team working with schools to support our children's mental health	148
Additional revenue spending to highways for road safety maintenance	300
<b>Total Ongoing Amendment</b>	<b>817</b>

##### One-off Increase for Revenue Budget

One-off amendment	2024/25 £'000
Additional post dedicated to exploring sponsorship and income generation opportunities	60
<b>Total One-Off Amendment</b>	<b>60</b>

##### Ongoing Funding for Revenue Budget

Ongoing amendments to the revenue budget	2024/25 £'000
Increased income from street works enforcement	(25)
Reduction of three Executive Assistants	(135)

<b>Ongoing amendments to the revenue budget</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>
Additional increases of 1-1.5% on some fees within legal, planning, rights of way, records office, highways, fire services and commercial fees within library service	(82)
Surplus income from roundabout sponsorship of £50k plus new income of £10k generated through start of work on income generation	(60)
Additional vacancies of 0.25% on top of existing budget assumption of 6% vacancy factor	(500)
Initial reduction in postage and stationery within support services	(15)
<b>Total Ongoing Funding</b>	<b>(817)</b>

### **One Off Funding for Revenue Budget**

<b>One-off amendments</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>
One off use of Transformation Reserve for funding of additional post dedicated to exploring sponsorship and income generation opportunities for one year	(60)
<b>Total One-Off Funding</b>	<b>(60)</b>

### **Total**

<b>Total</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>
Total ongoing increase in revenue budget	817
Total one-off increase in revenue budget	60
Total ongoing funding	(817)
Total one-off funding	(60)
<b>Total Budget Change</b>	<b>-</b>

## Proposed amendments to the Capital Programme

### Increase

<b>Amendment to the Capital Programme</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>	<b>2025/26 £'000</b>	<b>2026/27 £'000</b>	<b>2027/28 £'000</b>	<b>2028/29 £'000</b>
Restore Operation Watershed funding to £600,000 from 2024/25 onwards	200	200	200	200	200
<b>Total Increase</b>	200	200	200	200	200

### Funding

<b>Amendments to the Capital Programme</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>	<b>2025/26 £'000</b>	<b>2026/27 £'000</b>	<b>2027/28 £'000</b>	<b>2028/29 £'000</b>
Reduction in the Capital Improvements Line	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
<b>Total Reduction</b>	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)

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## County Council – 16 February 2024

### Item 7 – Council Plan and Budget 2024/25

#### Amendment by Cllr Oxlade

#### Proposed amendment to the Revenue Budget

##### Ongoing Increase for Revenue Budget

<b>Ongoing amendment to the revenue budget</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>
An additional Outreach Worker focussed on Pre-School to identify children and families in need of support with mental health and from the Early Help Service at an earlier stage.	40
A new post of Carers Liaison Officer to support transitions, liaise with Carers Support West Sussex, and stakeholders with a focus upon public involvement and development of evidence-base and quality 'Making it real' benchmarks.	56
<b>Total Ongoing Amendment</b>	<b>96</b>

##### One Off Increase for Revenue Budget

<b>Ongoing amendment to the revenue budget</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>
An additional Quality Control Officer (or part time equivalents) focused on identifying and inspecting damage and repairs to potholes and pavements.	38
<b>Total One-Off Amendment</b>	<b>38</b>

##### Ongoing Funding for Revenue Budget

<b>Ongoing amendments to the revenue budget</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>
Reduction in Members' catering budget	(11)
Reduction in the Policy Team by 15%	(45)
Reduction in Corporate Contingency	(40)
<b>Total Ongoing Funding</b>	<b>(96)</b>

**One Off Funding for Revenue Budget**

<b>Ongoing amendments to the revenue budget</b>	<b>2024/25 £'000</b>
Allocation of the £4m additional funding in highways maintenance to be allocated to additional Quality Control Officer.	(38)
<b>Total One-off Funding</b>	<b>(38)</b>