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Dear Member,

County Council - Friday, 14 February 2020

Please find enclosed proposed amendments to the item set out below which will be debated at the meeting of the County Council to be held on Friday, 14 February 2020.

Agenda No	Item
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7.	Revenue Budget 2020/21, Capital Strategy 2020-25 and Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020/21 (Pages 3 - 10)
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Amendments by Dr Walsh and Mr Jones attached.

8.	Pay Policy Statement 2020/21 (Pages 11 - 12)
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Amendment by Mr Jones attached.

Yours sincerely

Tony Kershaw
Director of Law and Assurance

To all members of the County Council

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Item 7 – Revenue Budget and Capital Strategy

Amendment by Dr Walsh

Revenue Budget 2020/21

Changes to the Revenue Budget	2020/21		2021/22	
	Growth £m	Reduction £m	Growth £m	Reduction £m
Ongoing changes				
Reverse the proposed cut to the post 16 support service that provides interventions and careers guidance for young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs)	0.100			
Continue the ESIF funding for the post 16 support service that ceases on 31 December 2020	0.057		0.173	
Reverse Local Assistance Network (LAN) budget cut agreed by Cabinet at its meeting in December 2019 (decision report CAB05 (19/20))	0.100			
Fund two additional posts to accelerate progress to tackle the climate change emergency: Climate Change Emergency Lead Officer at around £75-80k pa on-costed, to coordinate the corporate response to the climate change emergency, internally and develop joint working with others, especially districts and boroughs. Data & Information Officer at around £40-45k pa on-costed, reporting to Climate Change Lead Officer	0.120			
Fund two additional officer posts and consultancy support to explore opportunities for improvements in sustainable travel. One post to work on Enhanced Bus Quality Partnerships and with the Transport for South East on regional franchising and another post to drive forward work on new cycling schemes to include the feasibility of delivering a mini Holland concept in West Sussex.	0.150			
Reduce the Communications budget by 35% in 2020/21 and a further 11% in 2021/22 (Communications 2020/21 net budget is £1.519m)		0.527		0.173
Total ongoing changes	0.527	0.527	0.173	0.173
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Item 7 – Revenue Budget and Capital Strategy

Amendment 1 by Mr Jones

Revenue Budget 2020/21

Proposed changes to the Revenue Budget	Growth £m	Reduction £m
Ongoing changes to the Revenue Budget		
Reverse Local Assistance Network (LAN) budget cut agreed by Cabinet at its meeting in December 2019 (decision report CAB05 (19/20)).	0.100	
Reverse proposed cut to post-16 support service that provides interventions and careers guidance for young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs).	0.100	
Reverse proposed reduction to library opening hours at seven libraries to close at 6pm instead of 7pm (decision report CAB04(19/20)).	0.070	
Fund an additional post to increase participation with home library direct and digital library plus	0.035	
Pilot the partial opening of Crawley and Burgess Hill libraries on 50 Sundays from 10am-2pm	0.085	
Reinstate urban grass cutting from five up to seven cuts per year at £55,000 per cut.	0.110	
Provide additional resource within highways repairing road signs (around 30 jobs per month /360 per year), as well as additional resource to refresh line-painting on around 50km of the network.	0.235	
Funding for a dual diagnosis link worker (1fte post) to take a lead on the high-level findings of the Drug Death Audit specifically in relation to supporting adults with co-existing substance misuse and mental health needs.	0.060	
Funding to increase the capacity of therapist time to support children of alcohol dependant parents to meet the demand currently not being met	0.050	
Climate Change Lead Officer to coordinate the corporate response to Climate Change, internally and develop joint working, especially with districts and boroughs.	0.080	

Proposed changes to the Revenue Budget	Growth £m	Reduction £m
49% reduction in the Communications budget		0.749
50% reduction in the Lieutenancy budget		0.035
50% reduction in the Policy budget		0.141
Total ongoing changes to the Revenue Budget	0.925	0.925
One-off changes to the Revenue Budget		
<p>Funding to boost the night-time economy in town centres by supporting feasibility work, further development work where this has been completed or building partnerships to develop and manage night-time economy activities.</p> <p>Subject to equivalent match funding by districts and boroughs, this would provide a maximum of £40,000 available to spend on jointly agreed priorities in each district or borough area.</p>	0.140	
<p>Reprioritise drawdown from the Economic Growth Reserve, which is '<i>Held to deliver the Economic Growth Plan 2018-2023.</i>'</p> <p>Projected balance as 1 April 2020 is £1.297m.</p> <p>The reserve is committed to programmes of work to achieve priorities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mature workforce programme; • creative digital sector growth programme for coastal towns; • economy, business and skills benefits from digital infrastructure investment activities working with the districts and boroughs; • growth of the local carbon economy in support of the Council's Climate Pledge, including match funding for a significant external funding bid; and • boosting research, development and innovation in West Sussex businesses to address productivity and growth challenges, including match funding for a significant external funding bid. <p>Allocations against other priorities from within this reserve could put achievement of these priorities at risk.</p>		0.140
Total one-off changes to the Revenue Budget	0.140	0.140
Total changes to the Revenue Budget	1.065	1.065

Capital Programme

Changes to the Capital Programme	Growth £m	Reduction £m
Invest in road safety to deliver a reduction in the number of people killed and seriously injured on West Sussex roads.	5.000	
Increase Investment Property Fund	7.000	
Reallocation of corporate funding for A29 realignment. This will mean not completing the A29 realignment works. Delivery of the A29 southern extension is a firm commitment within the Arun local plan. The site for the housing associated with the road has been allocated as has the line of the road.		12.000
Total changes to the Capital Programme	12.000	12.000

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Amendment 2 by Mr Jones

Capital Programme

Changes to the Capital Programme	2020/21		2021/22	
	Growth £m	Reduction £m	Growth £m	Reduction £m
Increase funding to ensure the re-build of Woodlands Meed is delivered by September 2022. (Total cost of £18.6m, takes account of £1.0m in the programme for 2020/21 and £5m for 2021/22)	8.500		4.100	
Total changes to the Capital Programme	8.500		4.100	

Revenue impact of the changes to the Capital programme

Accelerating the capital programme for Woodlands Meed increases revenue costs by about £0.7m in 2021/22, £0.8m in 2022/23 and £0.6m in 2023/24. Thereafter, the capital programme already provides for the cost of Woodlands Meed.

Note: The Director of Finance and Support Services was advised of this proposed amendment and indicated that it could not have her endorsement as the change to the capital profiling would be misleading to the public by giving an impression that a capital project would be delivered within a set timescale whereas that can only be determined by the project plan for the scheme which, in this instance, has not been developed.

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Item 8 – Pay Policy Statement

Amendment by Mr Jones

Extract from Appendix 1, page 49

10. Termination of Employment

~~10.1~~ The County Council has determined that a vote by the Council on severance payments above **£100,000** a defined threshold is not required ***unless agreed otherwise by the Chairman and group leaders***. This is due to the fact that the Governance Committee determines all pay policies including those affecting severance payments.

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