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To: Council Distribution

Dear Councillor,

Council (Budget) – Wednesday 13 February 2019

Amendments to the Motion proposed by the meeting of Cabinet on 29 January 2019

Please find enclosed, for your consideration, the amendments to the Budget Motion, which have been received by the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19 (3).

The Amendments are attached in the order that they were received by the Chief Executive.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Woodside".

Andrea Woodside
Principal Governance Officer

Green Group Amendment - 2019-22 Budget

The aim of our budget amendment is to address just some of the social, environmental & financial issues that affect the Council. What this amendment cannot do is solve all the problems faced by the Council and the people who live within its boundaries

We have proposals here that will enable Kirklees to make a meaningful start on action to address carbon emissions following the Declaration of a Climate Emergency.

Kirklees Forest Project

A large scale project to increase the tree cover across Kirklees with an initial target of planting 150,000 trees across Kirklees in 5 years. We regard this project as a precursor and pathfinder for a much larger project over the next 25 years

We will seek a mix of urban, suburban and rural locations for tree planting to help improve the attractiveness of built up areas.

Where appropriate we will provide fruit trees to help with provision of local healthy food and to support the local bee populations helping the pollination of local crops.

There are many other benefits to this project including:-

Flood resilience through strategic planting

Habitats for wildlife

Reducing air pollution

Tackling Climate change by capturing carbon emissions

Reducing noise levels in built up areas

Creating access to natural space

The project will have a strong focus on citizen engagement with a particular emphasis on:-

- Schoolchildren – the opportunity for every school age child to be able to plant at least one tree during their school years
- Kirklees employees – in their two days of volunteer time each year Kirklees employees will have the option of engaging in tree planting activities
- Communities – provision of tree whips will be made available for community groups and Parish Councils

We will seek partnerships with other organisations and landowners to identify land and provide partnership funding and support.

A detailed note comes as an appendix to this amendment showing how the project would work in practice

Restoring Play Areas removed for Health and Safety reasons

Play areas have recently been removed from Manor Estate in the Newsome Ward and Rufford Road in the Golcar Ward. These were removed for Health and Safety reasons but no provision was made by the Administration for their replacement. This amendment addresses that deficiency.

Huddersfield Town Centre is not a family friendly area and our proposal to provide a play area on Macauley Street outside the Bus Station would go some way towards addressing this.

Mount Pleasant Primary School - Roof to Multi Use Games Area

Mount Pleasant Primary School in the Crosland Moor Ward has just had a new school building built to Government specifications. As a result it has lost the large covered Sports Hall that enabled children and local people outside school hours to play sport in all weathers. Installing a roof on the soon to be installed Multi Use Games Area would restore the flexibility the school had previously with all the benefits for health, school effectiveness and wider community engagement.

Traffic Calming measures

The provision of resources for traffic calming are insufficient. This amendment will not resolve that but will provide more flexibility to address the many calls on the Highways Service for traffic calming across Kirklees.

Provision of Electric Vehicle fleet

The first Kirklees Council Electric Vehicle was provided over 10 years ago as a result of a Green Party Budget amendment. Electric vehicles since then have come on leaps and bounds and have low servicing costs, lower costs per mile and the range of electric vehicles is well within the Councils operational requirements. The benefit to the Council is not just lower running costs but also demonstrates that we are playing our part in reducing vehicle emissions at a time when we have growing concerns about air quality in Kirklees. As the carbon intensity of UK electricity begins to fall electric vehicles will play an important role in storing renewable energy generated overnight. This will help us play our part in reducing carbon emissions in line with the COP21 Paris Climate Goals.

Public Rapid Charging of Electric Vehicles

With a growing number of people buying and using electric vehicles the Council needs to play its part in providing the infrastructure we need to allow this cleaner more efficient form of transport to grow. Match funding is being provided for charging points so this proposal can be used as leverage.

Addressing the growing number of rough sleepers in Kirklees

There are a growing number of rough sleepers in Kirklees as the result of benefit changes, mental health issues and the lack of sufficient social rented housing. This proposal seeks to provide more support and assistance to rough sleepers to help them get back control of their lives.

Kirklees Recycling Initiative

Kirklees needs as a matter of urgency to address our poor recycling rates. This budget amendment will seek to improve community recycling facilities, glass collections and pilot food waste collections for possible anaerobic digestion linking with our climate change objectives.

Furniture & Appliance Scheme (KNH)

To re-establish a furniture/appliances service for new tenants on low incomes. The Food banks seek to help around 500 clients a year moving into new homes with nothing. Getting loans or low cost options from 'Pass it on' takes considerable time often meaning that tenants fail to move into their homes and end up back sofa surfing and can end up losing their tenancies. KNH could be source furniture and appliances from their own voids and donations.

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One used to run through Fusion housing but this was discontinued. As a consequence the food banks seek to help around 500 clients a year moving into new homes with nothing. Getting loans or low cost options from 'Pass it on' takes considerable time often meaning that tenants fail to move into their homes and end up back sofa surfing and can end up losing their tenancies. A service like this might best sit with KNH. They could be sourcing furniture and appliances from their own voids and donations. They could more easily organise gas and electrical checks on donated appliances. It would be expected that they would help both council and private sector tenants and coordinate with support staff at the Food banks.

GENERAL FUND - CAPITAL

Description of proposal	2019-20 £000	2020-21 £000	2021-22 £000
Play areas - Rufford Road	50	-	-
Play areas – Manor Street	35	-	-
Play areas in Town Centre	50	-	-
Green Outdoor Gym Company (to be incorporated into Town Centre Regeneration)	-	-	-
Mount Pleasant development of multi-play use games area	190	-	-
Traffic calming measures	150	-	-
Electric vehicles replacement for Council fleet (50 units); 12 in 19-20 and 38 in 20-21 in excess of current capital provision	144	738	-
Public rapid charging equipment for electric vehicles	66	-	-
Total Capital spend proposals	685	738	-
Funded by :			
Part substitute fund from			
Top slice from strategic town centres	(685)	(738)	-
Net Capital ask	-	-	-

GENERAL FUND - REVENUE

Description of proposal	2019-20 £000	2020-21 £000	2021-22 £000
Rough sleepers – housing solutions to offer a flexible pot to facilitate move-on	57	68	68
Public rapid charging equipment for electric vehicles	16	16	16
Maintenance for play areas	10	10	10
Kirklees Forest Project (Note 1)	100	167	190
Total revenue proposals	183	261	284
Funded by :			
Infrastructure budget re-direct	(83)	(94)	(94)
Earmarked reserves (Strategic Investment reserve)	(100)	(167)	(190)
Total revenue funding	(183)	(261)	(284)
Net funding ask	-	-	-

Note 1- plus assumed matched external funding over the 3 years totalling £493k

HRA - REVENUE

Description of proposal	2019-20 £000	2020-21 £000	2021-22 £000
Furniture & Appliance scheme (pilot)	100	-	-
Total revenue proposals	100	-	-
Funded by :			
HRA reserves	100	-	-
Total revenue Funding	100	-	-
Net funding ask	-	-	-

HRA - CAPITAL

Description of proposal	2019-20 £000	2020-21 £000	2021-22 £000
Electric vehicles replacement for KNH fleet (77 units); 20 in 19-20 and 57 in 20-21	480	2,214	-
Total capital proposals	480	2,214	-
Funded by :			
Capital Sinking fund (held in HRA reserves)	(480)	(2,214)	-
Total Capital Funding	(480)	(2,214)	-
Net funding ask	-	-	-

Appendix to Green Party Budget Amendment - Kirklees Forest Project

The White Rose Forest Plan aims to “Increase tree cover by a third by 2036” from Leeds city region green infrastructure strategy

White Rose Forest has two programmes



Priority areas for landowner engagement already been identified for these programmes but work required to do actual engagement

The **Kirklees WRF Group** needs to meet to identify all Kirklees land that could potentially be planted with either whips or standards for Green streets programme

This work has been started but not completed. Kirklees landscapes team need revenue support to conduct a feasibility & design/costings & consultation for a Green Streets programme on Council/public land.

Green Streets	Activity	Cost	Who
2019/2020	Feasibility, design & consultation for Kirklees owned land including Huddersfield ring road year 1	£60,000	Kirklees landscape team lead with support from Kirklees WRF Group
2019/2020	Quick win (5000 x £7@) whip planting schemes	£18k match Northern Forest funds	Kirklees landscapes team to project manage
2020/2021	Feasibility, design and consultation for Kirklees owned land including ring road year 2	£60,000	Kirklees landscape team lead with support from Kirklees WRF Group
2020/2021	Delivery of main planting programme matched with Northern forest funds (10k trees x £7)	£35,000 with match by Northern Forest funds	Kirklees landscapes team to project manage
2020/2021	Delivery of (100 x £600) urban standard tree planting match with Gov't funds £600 each (300/300)	£30,000 with match from Gov't funds	Kirklees landscapes team to project manage
2021/2022	Delivery of whip planting programme matched with Northern forest funds (20k trees x £7)	70,000 with match by Northern Forest funds	Kirklees landscapes team to project manage
2021/2022	Delivery of (200 x £600) urban standard tree planting match with Gov't funds £600 each (300/300)	60,000 with match from Gov't funds	Kirklees landscapes team to project manage
Green Streets Total 3 years	35,000 urban whips and 300 standard street trees	£333k (£213k additional match)	

Landscapes for Water is using tree planting for catchment management to reduce flooding as well as strengthen biodiversity. This is working with NGOs on 3rd party land along water courses in Holme and Colne catchments.

Landscapes for Water	Activity	Cost	Who
2019/20	Landowner engagement , design and consultation in Holme Catchment year 1	£12,000	Holme and Colne NFM Operations Group part of Kirklees WRF Group with River Holme Connections
2019/20	Landowner engagement , design and consultation in Colne Catchment year 1. This fund with be focused to unlocking National Trust and Yorkshire water land and should be matched other monies for feasibility. Potential target here at least 75,000 trees funded from Countryside stewardship £300,000 over two years	£10,000	Holme and Colne NFM Operations Group part of Kirklees WRF Group with Colne Valley Tree Society
2020/21	Landowner engagement , design and consultation in Holme Catchment year 2	£12,000	Holme and Colne NFM Operations Group part of Kirklees WRF Group with River Holme Connections
2020/21	Landowner engagement , design and consultation in Colne Catchment year 2	£10,000	Holme and Colne NFM Operations Group part of Kirklees WRF Group with Colne Valley tree Society
2020/21	Delivery of riparian woodland 10,000 x £4 with match from Woodland Trust	£20,000	River Holme connections/ Colne Valley trees Society
2021/22	Delivery of riparian woodland 30,000 x £4 with match from Woodland Trust	£60,000	River Holme connections/ Colne Valley trees Society
Landscapes for Water 3 year total	115,000 riparian woodland whips for Natural flood management	£124,000 (with additional £280k match)	
Grand total	150,000 whips plus 300 standard trees	£457,000 (with additional £493, 000 match)	

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COUNCILLOR KAREN ALLISON

Liberal Democrat Budget Amendment

The Kirklees Liberal Democrats have submitted the following amendments to the 2019/20 Labour administration budget to highlight what the group see as some of the areas that Council needs to take a stronger lead on or be more committed to over the next year. The group's amendments and priorities seek to highlight where Council needs to be more proactive in protecting some of our most vulnerable residents. While the group accept that there is some cross-party willingness to work on environmental issues in the future, they feel that work can be done in the short term to speed up some of the improvements we all want to see.

Kirklees Liberal Democrats recognise that most of the answers to community issues lie in the communities themselves and have sought to include them in this budget.

The amendments the group has proposed are modest given the scale of the available budget and are managed through management of Capital borrowing (releasing Revenue) and appropriate use of reserves for pilots.

A. Waste Management

In order to achieve its environmental aims and aspirations, Kirklees Liberal Democrats argue that improvements are urgently required in tackling waste and in waste management. In particular, the group are alarmed by the Council's position on the recycling league table and note that the recycling rate is poor in comparison to other local authorities, as approximately only 23% of our household waste is currently recycled. The group believe that the Council should seek to prioritise identifying ways to minimise the rejected recycling loads that currently drive down recycling rates.

B. Air Quality Improvements

Kirklees Liberal Democrats understand the importance of air quality on our health. Poor air quality is harmful to everyone, but some people suffer more, and long-term exposure is associated with a number of medical conditions, such as respiratory illnesses and the growth of lung function in childhood, as well as cardiovascular diseases. While Kirklees Council reviews and assesses levels of air pollution and has declared air quality management areas in several areas across the borough, the group feel that more can be done to invest in additional infrastructure and to measure air quality on all major roads across the borough. This will link closely to the Council's Local Plan, and the group argue that there should be an imposition of strict conditions as part of the planning process. This is a targeted approach which would ensure that additional checks are carried out where there are new developments.

C. Northern Forest

The multi-regional 'Northern Forest' is a long-term plan to plant 50 million trees adjacent or in close proximity to the M62 corridor. The scheme has the potential to generate enormous social and environmental benefits, which includes improving air quality, reducing the risk of flooding, improving water quality, providing opportunities for recreation and leisure, promoting health and well-being and tackling climate change. The need to invest in new forests is noticeable, as the North of England is home to over 13 million people, with hundreds of thousands of new homes planned, but it only has woodland cover of 7.6%, significantly lower than the national average.

Kirklees Liberal Democrats believe that there needs to be greater public awareness about the Northern Forest scheme, but also believe that the scheme needs to be delivered more quickly to allow our communities and residents to benefit. The group propose that a champion should be appointed to ensure that the aims and objectives are achieved more readily. The group believe that Kirklees Council can play an important role in identifying what resources it can commit to the scheme, including volunteer coordination and land release that would magnify the effect of the project.

Amendments to General Fund – Capital

A. Improving connectivity and highways improvements in the Colne and Holme Valleys

- £100k to fund feasibility studies for improvements to Lockwood Bar and Longroyd Bridge.
- £100k to fund feasibility studies exploring options for a new crossing of the River Colne in Milnsbridge and a new access road into Slaithwaite from Manchester Road.

Once indicative figures are known, capital to be sourced from the allocated resources.

B. Feasibility for regeneration of town centres and villages

- £200K redirected to form plans to regenerate towns and villages alongside the Strategic Town Centre Action Plans for Huddersfield and Dewsbury.

Amendments to General Fund – Revenue

A. Air Quality Improvements

For a modest amount, Kirklees Liberal Democrats believe that the Council can extend its air quality monitoring network and increase monitoring locations by 100%, which would work out as approximately 100 locations. This would take an estimated £10k in revenue costs, with officer time being absorbed within existing budgets.

B. Huddersfield town centre parking (pilot)

Kirklees Liberal Democrats recognise that the future of Huddersfield town centre is uncertain, and there are enormous pressures, as high street retailers are beset by declining footfall and have to respond to online competition and high costs. There is great concern about the number of shops and businesses closing across the borough, particularly in Huddersfield. While the group welcome investment in Huddersfield town centre and the anticipated improvements to the public realm, they believe that the Council can be more proactive in encouraging shoppers and visitors to the town centre and create incentives to encourage people to shop on our high street. Consequently, the group propose that a 'Free after Three' pilot scheme should be implemented which would mean that town centre car parks in Huddersfield would be free after 3pm on 5 days of the week, between Monday and Friday and also free all day on Sunday.

C. Area Committees (initial pilot)

Kirklees Liberal Democrats note that residents are often frustrated at not being able to engage face-to-face with officers and councillors in a public forum. The group suggest a move towards reinstating area committees to cover the 7 place-based working areas in Kirklees. The group understand that not all areas will want area committees and do not intend to make them mandatory. For those who want them, the group suggest that area committees represent a meaningful devolution of local governance and democratic engagement. The full cost of reinstating area committees is £385k and the group suggest an initial £200k be considered to restart the programme as an initial pilot. The wards taking part in these committees would undertake a commitment to spend funds in a pooled way to make efficient and effective use of scarce council funds, encouraging local residents to engage and making local spending more transparent.

D. Libraries

Kirklees Liberal Democrats believe that libraries are a vital local service at the heart of the community. In many of our communities, libraries are a vital resource and serve a wide range of people of all ages, enabling vulnerable people to access many vital services and helping to tackle isolation. The group also recognise that the role of libraries is changing and expanding. In addition to maintaining their role as a physical location for loaning and cataloguing books, libraries perform an integral role as hubs for local cultural activity. With this in mind, the group are concerned that there are continued cuts in the library service, and are concerned that our libraries are increasingly under threat.

The group propose an additional half day opening per week for each of our libraries.

E. Youth Engagement Programme (initial pilot)

Kirklees Liberal Democrats believe that youth services have been cut too far in the past and now need some reinvestment in youth engagement programmes. The group feel that these programmes play an important role in protecting young residents from exploitation of all kinds. The group propose a nominal figure of £100k, as an initial pilot, to improve youth engagement across the borough.

Housing Revenue Account – Revenue

A. Support for New Council Tenants

Kirklees Liberal Democrats believe that the Council has an important role in ensuring that vulnerable people are protected and believe that more assistance should be given to new council tenants who have arrived from homelessness. The group, therefore, propose a pilot scheme to support those who have recently moved in to a council property. Support could include a package including beds, reconditioned fridges and electric cookers, sofas and 'white goods'.

Liberal Democrat Group Amendment 2019-22 Budget

General Fund - Capital

Description of proposal	2019-20 £000	2020-21 £000	2021-22 £000
Feasibility study for improvements to Lockwood bar & Longroyd Bridge	100	-	-
Feasibility study for a new crossing ; River Colne and Milnsbridge, and new access road into Slaithwaite from Manchester Road	100	-	-
Existing plan - aspirational regen of town centres feasibility. Broaden to Kirklees-wide feasibility	200	-	-
Total Capital spend proposals			
Funded by :			
Re-direct from existing capital plan	(200)	-	-
Top slice from strategic town centres	(200)		-
<i>Net Capital ask</i>	-	-	-

General fund - Revenue

Description of proposal	2019-20 £000	2020-21 £000	2021-22 £000
Air quality improvements by measuring AQ in all main roads	10	10	10
Town centre parking - pilot	150	-	-
Area Committees (initial pilot)	200	-	-
Libraries – additional half day opening per week per library	96	96	96
Youth engagement programme (initial pilot)	100	-	-
Total revenue proposals	556	106	106
Funded by :			
Infrastructure budget re-direct	(106)	(106)	(106)
Earmarked reserves (Infrastructure Support)	(450)	-	-
Total revenue funding	556	106	106
<i>Net revenue funding requirement</i>	-	-	-

HRA - Revenue

Description of proposal	2019-20 £000	2020-21 £000	2021-22 £000
Support for new Council tenants (pilot)	200	-	-
Total revenue proposals	200	-	-
Funded by :			
HRA reserves	(200)	-	-
<i>Net revenue funding requirement</i>	-	-	-

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Cllr John Lawson

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Cllr Cahal Burke