

Ordinary Council - 6 March 2018 – Conservative Group Amendments.

Amendment 1

To Insert the following Table 11.A and paragraph 8.34A in the main body of the report as follows, and the corresponding recommendations further below.

8.34A Net Savings Targets, as outlined in Table 9, are proposed to set a zero funding Gap for 2018/19 and to reduce the funding gap further for future years. The detail of the proposed savings targets are set out below in Table 11.A.

Table 11.A - Proposed Net Savings Target - Detail

Proposed Savings Targets	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000
Additional Funding			
Council Tax Increase of £5 pa (Band D property)	(163)	(164)	(165)
Growth (linked to Council Tax increase)			
Economic, Business Growth and Skills Development	60	60	60
Environmental Street Scene and Action on Litter	50	50	50
Community Safety Enhancement	15	15	15
Mental Health Awareness and Support	10	10	10
Rural Broadband	15	15	15
Play Area Repairs and Maintenance	13	14	15
Savings			
Commercial Income/Wholly Owned Company	(423)	(800)	(780)
Operational Service Reviews	(350)	(350)	(350)
Management Initiatives	(168)	(168)	(168)
Additional Lease Income	(95)	(95)	(95)
Total Proposed Net Savings Target	(1,036)	(1,413)	(1,393)

As a result of the above to insert the following corresponding recommendations:

General Fund

2.1b To agree the detail of the proposed savings targets as outlined in Table 11.A.

Council Tax 2018/19

2.8 To approve a Council Tax increase of £5 p.a (Band D) for 2018/19, to fund the growth items outlined in Table 11.A.

Section 151 Officer Comments: *The above amendment is reasonable and viable for it to be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as it shows the breakdown of the necessary savings targets, which sets out a zero funding gap position for 2018/19.*

Amendment 2 – Earmarked Reserves – To Amend Appendix A referred to in Paragraph 8.47

Appendix A to be amended to insert the red highlighted areas set out below:

Reserve	Balance as at 01/04/2017	Amounts in/(out) 2017/18	Amounts in/(out) 2018/19	Amounts in/(out) 2019/20	Amounts in/(out) 2020/21
Balance B/F		7,856	7,039	3,935	3,729
Asset Management	165				
Brentwood Community Fund	9				
Brentwood Community Hospital	45				
Building Control	83	(23)			
Community Alarms	291	(191)	(10)	(10)	(10)
Community Rights Grants	38				
Duchess Of Kent/Nightingale	334	(12)	(12)	(12)	(12)
Economic Development	40				
Electoral Registration	43				
Funding Volatility	722	135	(472)	(184)	(91)
Leisure Strategy	0	100			
Neighbourhood Plan	26				
Organisational Transformation	1,653	(836)	(75)		(220)
Planning Delivery Grant	228	(170)			
Preventing Homelessness	38	110	(58)		
Public Consultation	5				
Civic Dinner	2				
New Burdens Grant	0				
Land at Hanover House	16				
Housing benefit Subsidy	150				
Pension Reserve	177				
Dunton Hills Development	229				
Health and Wellbeing	26				
Waste Management	636				
Council Dwellings Investment Fund	2,500	70	(2,477)		
Repairs & Maintenance Reserve	400				
Balance C/F	7,856	7,039	3,935	3,729	3,396

Section 151 Officer Comments: *The above amendment considers the earmarked reserves required for the estimated outturn position for 2017/18. This alteration will be beneficial, so funds are specifically available for future financial years.*

Amendment 3 – To Amend Table 16 – to include the red highlighted areas in the Capital Programme.

Table 16 – Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2020/21 – Existing Schemes

Description	2017/18 Estimated £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000
Town Hall Remodelling	1,673	4,703	3,919	-
Parking Scheme at Brentwood & Shenfield	-	-	-	-
Vehicle & Plant Replacement Programme	175	175	175	-
King Edward Road	-	-	-	-
Waste Transfer Station	335	-	-	-
Disabled Facilities Grant	250	250	250	250*
Warley Playing Fields – Sports Pavilion	2	-	-	-
Play Area Refurbishments	20	-	-	-
Multi Storey Car Park	124	1,900		-
ICT Strategy	100	100	100*	100*
Car Park Improvements	-	-	-	-
Leisure Strategy	-	-	-	-
Asset Improvements	145	100	-	-
Parks Infrastructure Improvements	70	-	-	-
Cemetery Infrastructure Improvements	100	-	-	-
ICT - Azure & Skype Implementation	80	-	-	-
ICT - End User Device Implementation	60	-	25	-
CRM Project	41	-	-	-
Renaissance Group	39	-	-	-
Cemetery Headstones	33	20		-
Home Repair Assistance Grant	30	30	30	30*
Irrigation to Golf Course	30	-	-	-
PCI compliance Project	10	-	-	-
Noise, Nuisance Recorder System	8	-	-	-
CCTV System Upgrade	5	5	-	-
Open Space Incursions	25	-	-	-
Asset Development Program	481	-	-	-
Mascals park (S106)	7	-	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,673	7,283	4,499	380
HRA Decent Homes	1,055	896	1,021	1,520
Feasibility Study for Parking on Housing Greens	-	25	-	-
New Homes Build	3,313	1,479	7,310	1,730
TOTAL HRA	4,368	2,400	8,331	3,250

*Existing Schemes on Rolling Programmes

Section 151 Officer Comments: *There is scope within the Decent Homes Budget in the Capital Programme to endorse this amendment.*