

LIVING AND WORKING SELECT COMMITTEE

11 November 2014

Budget savings discussion record sheet for reporting to Cabinet

Proposal	Support	Support with recommendations for adjustments (see comments)	Do not support (see comments for reasons)	Comments
CEX/SAV/03 Removal of Business Support Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Committee supported the proposal with a recommendation that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration report back to the Select Committee on alternative proposals (including phasing the removal of funding) and including £25K New Homes funding to support the BEC as proposed.
HGF001 Housing Strategy – Temporary Accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Committee whilst agreeing in principle with the proposal, did request that details of the proposed hostel locations be reported to the Committee before a final decision is taken by the Cabinet.

<p>ES010A Restructuring of Direct Services</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee could not support the budget saving proposal in its current form particularly its direct affect on front line workers. However in recognising that there may be scope to make savings in this area the Lead Member with the support of the Committee agreed there would be merit in referring this matter to a working group of the select committee to put forward constructive suggestions to Cabinet</p> <p>Budget saving not supported</p>
<p>ES010B Loss of prestart payment to drivers</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee raised concerns that health and safety could be compromised if insufficient time was available for safety checks to take place. There were also concerns that the saving may not be realistic as additional staff going out with the vehicle would be waiting for the driver to undertake the safety checks.</p> <p>Budget saving not supported</p>
<p>ES012 Cease free green garden waste collections</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee in not supporting either option did suggest that officers look at scaling back the level of service and thereby reducing the costs by restricting the number of months it operates.</p> <p>Budget saving not supported</p>
<p>ES015 Redesign of street cleansing operations</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee were concerned with the details of the proposal, in particular street cleansing in the evenings when roads are full of parked cars making it impractical to clean, especially with a mechanical street cleaner. There were also concerns that the mechanical vehicles could not cover all areas that were currently covered by the 'barrow beats' and that it was important to strike the right balance between the different forms of sweeping seeing the importance the public place upon the service</p> <p>Budget saving not supported</p>

<p>ES001 Loss of proactive drainage clearance</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee expressed grave concerns over the proposal and the potential for flash flooding in the Borough if the gullies became blocked. With an increase in property building, the Committee were concerned that drainage levels were not adequate which could result in claims against the Council.</p> <p>There were also concerns raised with regard to any potential detrimental effect on other statutory undertakers. Despite the assurances given the Committee did not support the proposal.</p> <p>Budget saving not supported</p>
<p>ES002 Changes to winter maintenance on the highway network</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee took into account the current process of staff being on stand-by and considered that savings could be made in the service potentially in different ways and therefore on that basis,</p> <p>Budget saving not supported</p>
<p>ES007 Increased Parking Charges</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee supported the proposal on the basis that the first 30 minutes of parking are free and 1 – 2 hours parking charge be increased to £1. The Committee also requested the season ticket charge be reconsidered and reduced.</p> <p>Budget saving supported</p>
<p>ES006 To consolidate and extend availability of permits in line with a new parking strategy</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Budget saving supported</p>

<p>ES022 Marketing in the public realm</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee in supporting the proposal requested the Council take a more proactive stance on ensuring advertising was up to date and removing flyposting within the Borough.</p> <p>Budget saving supported</p>
<p>ES018 Transfer of repair and maintenance costs to Allotment Societies</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Committee considered the rent could be increased by £27 which would cover the £17,000 costs and provide additional funding for the development of allotment sites in the Borough.</p> <p>Budget saving supported</p>