

Norfolk County Council

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Labour Group Amendments to the Cabinet's proposed 2021/22 Budget

For Consideration at Full Council (22 February 2021)

Purpose of report

1. To present to Full Council proposed amendments from the Labour Group to the budget recommended by Cabinet on 1 February 2021, with officers' technical comments on the impact to the budget.

Background

2. The Covid reserves include amounts that have not been allocated in order to respond to further unanticipated demands resulting from the pandemic. The Labour group amendment makes proposals for immediate investment in some issues that have already been identified but not provided for.
3. The amendment also provides for improvements and investment utilising Covid risk reserves and Tranche 5 Covid grant funding for 2021-22 that the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services decides after a review in period 6 will not be required because the risks have diminished. The proposals funded from the money remaining relate to issues that Labour Councillors have identified as making a material difference in a post Covid recovery context.
4. The business risk reserves, and Tranche 5 grant, are one off funds so where appropriate they have been utilised over more than one year. Services that would require longer term funding beyond 2022/3 would be considered as part of future budgets as the financial position of the council becomes clearer and the government brings forward promised future long-term funding arrangements.
5. If the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services after reviewing the position in period 6 determines there is insufficient funding to cover all the proposed commitments each of the proposals would be scaled back proportionately. However, the proposals use only a proportion of the reserves, this leaves a considerable amount to cover unforeseen risks.

REVENUE

	Service / funding source	2021/22	2022/23	Purpose
1	Children's Centres Review of Tranche 5 allocation at period 6	£750,000	£0	To meet the new demand pressures as a result of Covid
2	Children's Centres Review of Tranche 5 allocation at period 6	£50,000	£1,500,000	6 months - 2021/22 - independent study to evaluate the impact of new model. 2022/2023 identify unmet need and barriers to access and where centres need to reopen or outreach needs to expand
3	Youth Service Review of Tranche 5 allocation at period 6	£1,000,000	£2,000,000	6 months - initiate youth service to provide support for mental health, career development, social development and independence
4	Laptops for disadvantaged young learners Corporate Covid Risk Reserve	£150,000	£150,000	Continuing from the EDP's "Every Learner Online" initiative, establish a reliable and sustainable method of providing digital devices to young learners from disadvantaged backgrounds
5	No hungry children in Norfolk Review of Tranche 5 allocation at period 6	£2,800,000	£1,000,000	To guarantee funding available to meet continued Free School Meals provision across school holidays if the Govt discontinues the Marcus Rashford money
6	Social Care Adults Covid	£100,000	£250,000	Commission an independent study to identify the whole cost

	Service / funding source	2021/22	2022/23	Purpose
	business risk reserve period 6 onwards			of social care placements with a view to progressively insourcing services in future from 2022/23
7	Advice service for carers Adults Covid business risk reserve	£75,000	£25,000	Meeting the new and existing demand pressures over and above those already commissioned, especially as a result of Covid
8	Disability Related Expenditure Adults Covid risk reserve	£30,000	£0	To undertake analysis of the current level of DRE to determine the most appropriate level of disregard, identify improvements to the process and to ensure optimum use of Council resources
9	Sheltered housing warden service Adults Covid risk reserve period 6 onwards	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	Re-establish a floating warden service for a proportion of sheltered housing
10	Covid Commemorative Fund Corporate Covid Risk Reserve	£250,000	£0	To provide financial support for each school in Norfolk to plant a tree in memory of loved ones lost to the pandemic, as well as making funds available to community groups for commemorative projects
	TOTAL	£6,205,000	£5,925,000	

Funded from the following areas:

6. Costs for revenue projects are from using the Tranche 5 allocation of Covid grant and/or Covid business risk reserves spread over more than one year. Future costs to be included in determining budgets for years beyond 2022/23.
7. As set out in the table above, the funding for some of these proposals

would come from the new Covid risk reserves. Items 4, 7, 8 and 10 are an immediate call on the reserve for that service.

8. Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 are subject to a review by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services after period 6, and dependent on the Tranche 5 allocation and/or reserves not being required for other Covid related measures. If the funding available would be insufficient to meet the allocations, they will be scaled back in proportion to the amount available.

CAPITAL AMENDMENTS / ADDITIONS

Project	2021/22	2022/23	Details
Parish Partnerships	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	Increase scheme to include local environmental and flood prevention measures as well as highways
Street Lights	£5,000,000	£0	Further conversion to LED street lights
Seedcorn funding for community ownership projects	£200,000	£200,000	To support communities setting up community owned pubs, shops and local enterprises
Total	£6,200,000	£1,200,000	

Revenue Implications of Capital Expenditure to be funded by:

9. Interest costs in 2021-22 would be circa £0.100m, this could be found from the existing treasury budget and will be addressed in future year's budget setting.

Financial technical comments

10. The Period 6 review of Tranche 5 grant and Covid risk reserves will include consideration of monies already spent and committed, and any further anticipated covid-related call on the available funding.

Monitoring Officer technical comments

11. None.

Head of Paid Service technical comments

12. None.

Conclusion

13. Council is able to consider these proposed amendments.

Liberal Democrat Group Amendments to the Cabinet's proposed 2021/22 Budget

For Consideration at Full Council (22 February 2021)

Purpose of report

1. To present to Full Council proposed amendments from the Liberal Democrat Group to the budget recommended by Cabinet on 1 February 2021, with officers' technical comments on the impact to the budget.

Background

2. The proposals are set out below:

Revenue Amendment: Emergency budget proposals to help Norfolk better prepare to recover from the effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Liberal Democrat Group Budget Amendment Proposals
2021/22

Amendment 2

REVENUE

	Proposal	£m
1.	Increased ring fenced funding for economic development to kick-start Norfolk's economic recovery	£1.000
2.	Protection of rural transport services by making funding available to bridge the period between any reduction in government funding and upturn in passenger revenues	£0.350
3.	One year trial of a Free Household DIY Waste Disposal day across Norfolk for people to properly dispose of DIY waste stored up during the pandemic. This will be available across all centres allowing disposal of up to three items free of charge for a fixed period.	£0.130
	TOTAL	£1.480

Funded from the following areas:

		£m
1.	A movement of £1m from the Community and Environmental Services COVID Business Risk Reserve accumulated during 2020/21 into the CES revenue budget	£1.000
2.	To be funded by hypothecating £350,000 of tranche 5 government COVID funding.	£0.350
3.	To allocate £130,000 from Community and Environmental Services Reserves to the revenue account	£0.130
	TOTAL	£1.480

CAPITAL AMENDMENTS / ADDITIONS

	Proposal	£m
1.	To reduce air pollution in Castle Meadow, Norwich through two "city tree" installations.	£0.100
	TOTAL	£0.100

Revenue Implications of Capital Expenditure to be funded by:

		£m
1.	For maintenance of the "City trees" to be provided in year one by a reduction in travel budgets.	£0.001
2.	Revenue costs of borrowing	£0.002
	TOTAL	£0.003

Financial technical comments

3. Revenue costs of capital expenditure can be accommodated within existing budgets for 2021/22 and will be considered as part of budget setting for future years.

Monitoring Officer technical comments

4. None.

Head of Paid Service technical comments

5. None.

Conclusion

6. Council is able to consider these proposed amendments.

Independent Group Amendments to the Cabinet's proposed 2021/22 Budget

For Consideration at Full Council (22 February 2021)

Purpose of report

1. To present to Full Council proposed amendments from the Independent Group to the budget recommended by Cabinet on 1 February 2021, with officers' technical comments on the impact to the budget.

Background

2. The proposals are set out below:

Revenue Amendment:

Independent Group Budget Amendment Proposals 2021/22

Amendment 3

REVENUE

	Proposal	£
1.	To fund a feasibility study into the potential for providing off road cycle routes south of King's Lynn, to include the potential upgrading of the Fen Rivers Way between Downham Market and King's Lynn from a footpath to also include a cycleway.	£30,000
2.	To fund a feasibility study into the creation of a fully accessible cycle route from North Walsham to Mundesley via Knapton which would include the restoration of lost bridges across roads at Little London Road and Knapton Cutting.	£30,000
3.	To create a 'Hedge Fund' to fund the restoration of hedgerows in Norfolk, providing planting incentives to landowners and to be delivered through the Parish Partnership scheme.	£150,000
	TOTAL	£210,000

Funded from the following areas:

		£m
1.	Item 1 to be funded by a reduction in the CES COVID Business Risk Reserve	£30,000
2.	Item 2 to be funded by a reduction in the CES COVID Business Risk Reserve	£30,000
3.	Item 3 to be funded by a reduction in the CES COVID Business Risk Reserve in 2021-2022 and recurring funding to be identified as part of setting the 2022-2023 budget.	£150,000
	TOTAL	£210,000

Financial technical comments

3. None.

Monitoring Officer technical comments

4. None.

Head of Paid Service technical comments

5. None.

Conclusion

6. Council is able to consider these proposed amendments.

Cllr Alexandra Kemp's Amendments to the Cabinet's proposed 2021/22 Budget

For Consideration at Full Council (22 February 2021)

Purpose of report

1. To present to Full Council proposed amendments from Cllr Alexandra Kemp, the non-aligned Independent Member, to the budget recommended by Cabinet on 1 February 2021, with officers' technical comments on the impact to the budget.

Background

2. The proposals are set out below:

Capital Amendment: Infrastructure First & Better Regional Connectivity and Prosperity for King's Lynn and West Norfolk

Cllr Alexandra Kemp's Budget Amendment Proposals 2021/22 Amendment 4

3. Norfolk Council to provide the local contribution for the Major Route Network Funding shortfall (should Government provide funding) to create West Winch Bypass Major Route Network to link the A10 with the A47, and replace substandard West Winch Road, to enable connectivity, safety, trade, productivity, regional prosperity and housing, by providing a proper functioning Major Route Network to King's Lynn and its international port from Ely, Cambridge, London, Felixstowe Container Terminal and Harwich Continental Ferry Port. The A10 is also the main route for the delivery of sugar beet from NW Norfolk, South Lincolnshire and North Cambs to the largest sugar beet factory in Europe at Wissington, which produces 400,000 tonnes of sugar a year.
4. A developer funding model for the local contribution would be disastrous for West Norfolk as it would lead to development before the bypass, increasing congestion and safety issues on the A10 in West Winch and Setchey, which has a high accident record of 32 Personal Injury Road Traffic Accidents in the last 5 years. Highways England have a 7 year holding objection to the Local Plan's development in West Winch, due to insufficient highway capacity and without the bypass, development cannot go ahead.

CAPITAL AMENDMENTS / ADDITIONS

	Proposal	£m
1.	Set aside in the Capital Programme for 2022/23 the sum of £10m (being an indicative allocation) for the local contribution to the West Winch Bypass scheme	£10.000m
	TOTAL	£10.000m

Revenue Implications of Capital Expenditure to be funded by:

5. The revenue cost of this expenditure will be of the order of £0.450m which will be addressed in the budget setting process for future years.
6. No Revenue implications for 2021/22.

Financial technical comments

7. The timing of both borrowing and the completion of the road will have implications on when the revenue cost is incurred – In particular, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) will not apply until the year after the road is brought into operation.
8. NCC would normally look for the local contribution to be materially funded from the developers/land owners and the delivery of the new houses, that is to say not a public subsidy as a first option.
9. There are no revenue implications in 2021/22.

Monitoring Officer technical comments

10. None.

Head of Paid Service technical comments

11. None.

Conclusion

12. Council is able to consider these proposed amendments.