



Amendments

Date: 21 February 2024

Agenda Item No. 8: Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2026/27 and Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2027/28

Amendment No. 1

Amendment Proposer: Councillor Gareth Williams

Amendment Seconder: Councillor Diana Blamires

Amendment wording:

“This council notes that yet again we have seen a prolonged period on incessant rain throughout the late Autumn and Winter months. This, combined with freezing weather, has resulted in a significant deterioration in the condition of many roads across Buckinghamshire.

This council believes that, from a resident perspective, one of the key measures of success is the condition of our roads. The Budget today already proposes a record level of expenditure upon repair and resurfacing of our roads with the current £100m+ programme now being extended into a further year in order to continue the ‘member led’ rolling maintenance programme. Nevertheless, since this Budget was developed, it has become apparent that further action is again required to address the now evident need.

This council therefore resolves to release £5m from the ‘mitigating future financial risk’ Reserve and add this to the 2024/2025 Revenue for Highways road maintenance. This will amend the Budget proposals as follows:

- **Overall Revenue Budget (p75)**
Replace Transport Portfolio gross budget £86,514,000 and amend to £91,514,000
Replace Corporate items, Revenue Reserves -£2,476,000 and amend to -£7,476,000
- **Undertaken the consequential amendments to the net budget lines, total budget lines and the Transport Portfolio Budget lines (p167).**

Additionally, Council is asked to further approve additional resolutions to those on page 45 of the Council papers; namely that:

- **The Cabinet Member for Transportation should begin immediate planning for the urgent deployment of this funding.”**

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Amendment No. 2

Amendment Proposer: Councillor Stuart Wilson

Amendment Seconder: Councillor Robin Stuchbury

Amendment wording:

“Subject to the agreement of the amendment to Item No.7 (to introduce a 100% Council Tax premium on second homes in Buckinghamshire, effective from 1st April 2025), this Council is asked to use the increased revenue budget of £1.159m from 2025/26 to:

- reinstate cuts to planning enforcement in 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 (£300k)
- introduce an additional cycle of weed spraying (£230k)
- reinstate voluntary and community sector funding (£50k)
- partially reinstate Community Board funding (£579k)

Proposed Amendment to the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2024-25 to 2026-27 and Capital Programme 2024-25 to 2027-28:

- Amend Council Tax (p75) to replace £455,405,000 and amend to £456,564,000 in column 2025/26 and replace £483,106,000 and amend to £484,265,000 in column 2026/27.
 - Amend Planning & Regeneration Portfolio Budget (p75 and p159) Planning Enforcement to replace £777,000 and amend to £1,077,000 in 2025/26 and 2026/27.
 - Amend Transport Portfolio Budget (p75 and p167) to replace Other Highways & Technical £2,909,000 and amend to £3,139,000 in column 2025/26 and replace £4,348,000 and amend to £4,578,000 in column 2026/27.
 - Amend Communities Portfolio Budget (p75 and p108) to replace Partnerships and Communities – including Community Boards £1,616,000 and amend to £2,245,000 in column 2025/26 and 2026/27.”
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