

APPENDIX 1

SUGGESTIONS TABLED BY MRS P M CRAWFORD

Suggestions to be proposed at County Council meeting.

AIM 1

- 1 Delete (a) and replace with:

Produce a rolling three year Council Plan which provides strategic direction, leading to a rolling Local Performance Plan specifying measurable outcomes and financed by a medium term budget.

- 2 Amend (e) by adding:

... implementing 2% efficiency savings where possible but ensuring these do not produce service cuts.

Delete (f) and re-number.

- 3 Amend (g) to:

Identify and bid for new sources of funding.

- 4 Delete (h) and replace with:

Consult residents annually on a range of Council Tax and service options and take their views into consideration by setting a tax which balances local service needs and the local ability to pay in the light of projected income and Government grants.

- 5 Move AIM 11(c) to become AIM 1(i).

AIM 2

- 6 Add at end of (a)

... by delegating services and devolving budgets to Local Area Committees consistent with efficient and effective service delivery.

- 7 Add at end of (c)

... and be prepared to modify proposals and services in the light of their comments.

AIM 3

- 8 Delete (b) and replace with:

(b) Continue to oppose housing figures over the number already allocated

(c) Seek to maintain the green belt and green spaces in towns whilst protecting the AONB in the countryside

(d) Support the use of brownfield sites for housing whilst remembering the need for local employment.

- 9 Delete old (c) and replace with:

(e) Support communities in rural areas.

- 10 Delete old (d) and replace with:

(f) Invest in and work with District Councils and Housing Associations to enable affordable suitable homes to be built, particularly for those on low incomes, in return for nomination rights.

AIM 4

- 11 Delete “and making the most of modern technology” and replace with:

... establishing a credible information technology strategy, and earmarking sufficient funds to implement it.

- 12 Delete (b) and replace with:

Use a range of professionally tested consultation practices including the Bucks 1000, Local Forums and Residents Panels to ensure that communication is a two way process and then take account of what they say.

- 13 Add (e):

Allow Local Members to address Cabinet and Committees on constituency issues as a right rather than at the Chairman’s discretion, even if time limited.

AIM 5

- 14 Delete all of Aim 5.

AIM 6

- 15 At (f):

add after “Care Trusts”, the Voluntary Sector.

AIM 7

- 16 Delete (b) and (c) and replace with:

Protect our heritage and ensure access by all sectors of the community to learning opportunities by supporting and investing in our libraries, museums, performing and visual arts.

- 17 Delete (f) and replace with:

(f) Remove the height restrictions and small business charge at waste dumps.

(g) Seek to reduce landfill waste by encouraging less packaging and less usage of non bio-degradable products.

(h) Work with District Councils to reduce waste streams.

and re-number (g) to (l).

AIM 8

- 18 Add in (e) after “individual needs” with a particular emphasis on early intervention and which are easy to access.

- 19 Add to (c) and develop, fund and monitor the action plan necessary successfully deliver the SEN Strategy and Vision.

AIM 9

- 20 Amend wording of Aim 9.

Delete “within the County’s successful selective system”.

- 21 Delete (b) and replace with:

Recognise the value of our teachers and invest in their development to improve the quality of teaching thus enabling every pupil to realise their own potential.

- 22 Delete (c) and replace with:

Implement the “Five Heads Needs-Led Funding” report in full (updated for inflation) thus providing more non contact time for teachers.

23 Add at end of (e)

... by revising the reserved areas to take account of demographic change and the need to minimise transport costs.

24 Delete (f) and replace with:

Reinforce the Early Years Partnership and fund all 3 and 4 year olds where parents request it.

AIM 10

25 Add (g)

Implement 20mph speed limits at identified sites such as outside schools and impose a maximum of a 40mph speed limit where there is a locally identified need.

26 Add (h)

Seek to devolve the responsibilities of all parking strategies and implementation to District Councils to be developed in partnership with the local community.

AIM 11

27 Delete wording of Aim and replace with:

To recognise that the staff who deliver services are the Council's most important asset and to treat them as such.

We will:

- a Take positive action to eliminate the "lack of trust"
- b Remove the blame culture where it exists
- c Plan strategically and deliver efficiently to eradicate crisis management
- d Improve two way communication with staff by listening

- e Do everything possible to retrain and retain staff by improving skills and competencies and encouraging full accreditation by Investors in People
- f Strive to pay competitively including the use of market supplements.