

Budget Council – 27 February 2025

List of Motions and Amendments to be Proposed

Liberal Democrat Amendment to the Budget proposals.

To be moved by Cllr Ayre as follows:

Revenue Budget

In relation to the Executive's recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 14 of pages 43 and 44 of Council papers refers):

In sub paragraph c) add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

- **£600k to reverse the full impact of savings to the Library Service**
- **£370k additional funding to frontline neighbourhood services (of which £210k is one off and £160k recurring)**
- **£150k one off investment in bus services**
- **£300k one-off additional discounts to Green Waste charges and community waste disposal initiatives.**
- **£340k one-off reduction to fund partial reversal of parking increases pending completion of the review of city centre parking provisions set in the Local Transport Strategy Implementation Plan**
- **£150k budget to reinstate Dial & Ride Service (funded partly by Public Health Grant)**
- **£200k one off investment in Social Service Day Club provision(funded from Public Health Grant)**
- **£60k budget for Treasury Management to fund additional capital investment**

In sub paragraph d) add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

- **Delete additional Executive Support Assistant to Political Groups - £30k**
- **Reduction in Chief Officer roles, grades and capacity - £145k**

- **Reduction of two Executive Members - £40k**
- **Delete posts in the communications team - £90k**
- **Reduction in ICT budget - £140k**
- **No longer fund Economic Development, with the ambition of this being passed to the Combined Authority - £105k**
- **Reduction in council facility management contract spend - £150k**
- **Fund £150k additional street cleaning through voluntary tourist tax**
- **Remove vacant AD Public Health from establishment - £120k**
- **Use of CYT acquisition reserve subject to CYT board approval £500k**

Add sub paragraph i) to paragraph 14

- i) The use of £200k from the Public Health Reserve to fund the Social Care Day Clubs

Add sub paragraph j) to paragraph 14

- j) The use of £500k from the Venture Fund

For information, the effect on the original motion of this amendment would be as follows:

Revenue Budget

14. Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Approves the budget proposals outlined in the Financial Strategy report and in particular;
 - a) The net revenue expenditure requirement of £156.921m
 - b) A council tax requirement of £120.180m
 - c) The revenue growth proposals as outlined in paragraphs 51 to 53, **subject to the following amendments;**
 - **£600k to reverse the full impact of savings to the Library Service**
 - **£370k additional funding to frontline neighbourhood services (of which £210k is one off and £160k recurring)**
 - **£150k one off investment in bus services**

- **£300k one-off additional discounts to Green Waste charges and community waste disposal initiatives.**
- **£340k one-off reduction to fund partial reversal of parking increases pending completion of the review of city centre parking provisions set in the Local Transport Strategy Implementation Plan**
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- **£200k one off investment in Social Service Day Club provision (funded from Public Health Grant)**
- **£60k budget for Treasury Management to fund additional capital investment**

- d) The 2025/26 revenue savings proposals as outlined in annex 2, **subject to the following amendments;**
- **Delete additional Executive Support Assistant to Political Groups - £30k**
 - **Reduction in Chief Officer roles, grades and capacity - £145k**
 - **Reduction of two Executive Members - £40k**
 - **Delete posts in the communications team - £90k**
 - **Reduction in ICT budget - £140k**
 - **No longer fund Economic Development, with the ambition of this being passed to the Combined Authority - £105k**
 - **Reduction in council facility management contract spend - £150k**
 - **Fund £150k additional street cleaning through voluntary tourist tax**
 - **Remove vacant AD Public Health from establishment - £120k**
 - **Use of CYT acquisition reserve subject to CYT board approval £500k**
- e) The fees and charges proposals as outlined in annex 3
- f) The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 25/26 budget set out in annex 5

- g) The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) proposals outlined from paragraph 141
 - h) The Flexible Use of Receipts Policy set out in annex 7.
 - i) The use of £200k from the Public Health Reserve to fund the Social Care Day Clubs**
 - j) The use of £500k from the Venture Fund**
- ii. Notes that the effect of approving the income and expenditure proposals included in the recommendations would result in a 4.99% increase in the City of York Council element of the council tax, 2% of which would relate to the social care precept.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set

Capital Budget 2025/26 to 2029/30

In relation to the Executive's recommendations on the capital budget (paragraph 15 of page 44 of Council papers refers):

Under paragraph 15 (i), insert new sub paragraphs:

e) Agree to the addition of the following schemes to be funded from borrowing

- Active Travel Fund £425k
- Ward Highway Schemes £500k
- Acomb Library £300k
- Westfield MUGA £300k

f) Remove the following schemes funded by borrowing

- CRIS Replacement (fund from ICT budget) £125k
- Crematorium Upgrade £300k

g) Remove the following schemes funded from borrowing and only progress with alternative funding business cases

- Woodland Car Park £400k
- CCTV and ANPR £100k

h) Reallocate £500k from Highway Schemes to Ward Highway Schemes

For information, the effect on the original recommendation of this amendment would be as follows:

The Executive is requested to recommend that Council:

- i. Agree to the revised capital programme of **£385.983m** that reflects a net overall increase of **£61.547m** (as set out in table 2 and in Annex 1). Key elements of this include:
 - a) New schemes funded by prudential borrowing totalling £8.750m as set out in table 3 **and amended by recommendations in para e), f) and g) below**;
 - b) Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £24.712m as set out in table 4;
 - c) Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £11.935m as set out in table 5;
 - d) An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £16.150m funded from a combination HRA balances/capital receipts as set out in table 6;
 - e) Agree to the addition of the following schemes to be funded from prudential borrowing
 - Active Travel Fund £425k
 - Ward Highway Schemes £500k
 - Acomb Library £300k
 - Westfield MUGA £300k
 - f) Remove the following schemes funded by prudential borrowing
 - CRIS Replacement (fund from ICT budget) £125k
 - Crematorium Upgrade £300k
 - g) Remove the following schemes funded from borrowing and progress with alternative funding business cases
 - Woodland Car Park £400k
 - CCTV and ANPR £100k
 - h) Reallocate £500k from Highway Schemes to Ward Highway Schemes

- ii. Note the total increase in Council borrowing as a result of new schemes being recommended for approval is £33.462m the details of which are considered within this report and the financial strategy report.
- iii. Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex 2 totalling **£385.983m** covering financial years 2025/26 to 2029/30 as set out in table 12 and Annex 2

Reason: In accordance with the statutory requirement to set a capital budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Capital and Investment Strategy

16. Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Approve the Capital and Investment Strategy at Annex A

Reason: To meet the statutory obligation to comply with the Prudential Code 2017

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators

17. Executive recommends that Council approve;

- i. The proposed treasury management strategy for 2025/26 including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;
- ii. The prudential indicators for 2025/26 to 2029/30 in the main body of the report;
- iii. The specified and non-specified investments schedule (annex B)
- iv. The scheme of delegation and the role of the section 151 officer (annex D)

Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the treasury management function and ensure that all council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.