

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2015

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

ANNUAL BUDGET 2015/16

The Schedule of Recommendations moved by the Chairman of the Finance and Property Committee and Leader as shown on pages 17 to 18 of the report be deleted and replaced by the following:

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council is set at £481.253 million for 2015/16, including the following amendments to give no increase in Council Tax (details set out at Appendix A):

Committee Analysis	£000
Adult Social Care & Health	3,456
Children & Young People	176
Environment & Sustainability	400 (-)
Community Safety	168
Transport & Highways	485
Policy	402
Finance & Property	1,687
Total Adjustments to Portfolio Budgets	5,974

2. The principles underlying the Medium Term Financial Strategy, as amended, be approved.
3. The Category A proposals, as amended, be noted and the Category B and C proposals, as amended, be approved and implemented subject to any further required consultation. Amendments are set out at Appendix A and B.
4. The Finance and Property Committee be authorised to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2015/16.
5. The County Council element of the Council Tax remains unchanged, that is, set at a standard Band D tax rate of £1,216.92, with the various Bands of property being:

Band	Value as at 1.4.91	No. of Properties	% no. of properties	Ratio	County Council 2014/15 £	County Council 2015/16 £	Change £
A	Up to £40,000	141,250	39.9	6/9	811.28	811.28	-
B	£40,001- £52,000	73,160	20.6	7/9	946.49	946.49	-
C	£52,001- £68,000	60,720	17.1	8/9	1,081.71	1,081.71	-
D	£68,001- £88,000	40,240	11.3	1	1,216.92	1,216.92	-
E	£88,001- £120,000	22,210	6.3	11/9	1,487.35	1,487.35	-
F	£120,001- £160,000	10,670	3.0	13/9	1,757.77	1,757.77	-
G	£160,001 - £320,000	5,930	1.7	15/9	2,028.20	2,028.20	-
H	Over £320,000	460	0.1	18/9	2,433.84	2,433.84	-

6. The County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2016 shall be £287,258,432 and shall be applicable to the whole of the district council areas as General Expenses.
7. The County Precept for 2015/16 shall be collected from the District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in the table below:

District Council	Council Taxbase	County Precept £
Ashfield	31,052.20	37,788,043
Bassetlaw	32,545.35	39,605,087
Broxtowe	32,400.60	39,428,938
Gedling	35,610.06	43,334,594
Mansfield	27,751.40	33,771,234
Newark & Sherwood	36,770.96	44,747,317
Rushcliffe	39,923.10	48,583,219
Total	236,053.67	287,258,432

8. The County Precept for 2015/16 shall be collected from District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in paragraph 7 above with the payment of equal instalments on the following dates:

2015	2015	2016
20 April	10 September	4 January
29 May	15 October	5 February
1 July	19 November	11 March
5 August		

9. The Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2018/19 be approved, including amendments set out below, at total amounts of:

2015/16	£116.539m
2016/17	£96.787m
2017/18	£47.451m
2018/19	£41.792m

and the financing of the capital programme as set out in the report be amended to include:

- a) The utilisation of £1.0 million additional capital receipts and use of revenue balances of £1.5 million to finance the inclusion of the School Halls scheme at £2.5 million in 2015/16.
 - b) The use of revenue balances of £1.0 million to finance an increase in the Schools' Refurbishment Programme in 2015/16 and in future years.
 - c) The use of revenue balances of £1.0 million to finance the renovation of the six remaining care homes in 2015/16 and in future years.
10. The variations to the Capital Programme, as amended for the inclusion of £2.5 million expenditure and financing for the School Halls scheme in 2015/16, the expenditure and financing of the Schools Refurbishment Programme in 2015/16 and future years and the expenditure and financing of the renovation of the six remaining care homes in 2015/16 and future years be approved.
11. The Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2015/16 be approved.
12. The Prudential Indicators be approved.
13. The Service Director – Finance & Procurement be authorised to raise loans in 2015/16 within the limits of total external borrowings.
14. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2015/16 be approved.
15. The Treasury Management Policy for 2015/16 be approved.
16. The report on the Annual Budget for 2015/16, and the Capital Programme 2015/16 – 2018/19 as amended, be approved and adopted to provide no increase in Council Tax in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

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Conservative Group Amendment 2015/16

	£000
Adult Social Care & Health	
Younger Adults residential rehabilitation - increase use of Public Health funding (OBC A03)	94
Restructure in the Joint Commissioning Unit (OBC A05)	126
Restructure of Adult Care Financial Services (OBC A09)	248
Assessment and Care Management - Older Adults (OBC B01)	500
Restructure social care staff in hospital settings (OBC B03)	120
Younger Adults Assessment & Care Management & Structural Changes (OBC B07)	833
Day Services (OBC C07)	-220
Various contract changes by the Joint Commissioning Unit (OBC C09)	805
Targeting Reablement Support (OBC C13)	300
Direct Payments (OFC C01)	400
Duplication between NHS & NCC (Addition)	250
	3,456
Children & Young People	
Support to Schools (OBC A13)	30
Children's Social Care Management Review (OBC A18)	100
Planning, Performance and Quality Assurance Group (OBC A19)	250
Young People's Service - Youth Centres (OBC B11)	-229
Early Years - Service & Contractual Efficiencies (OFC B05)	25
	176
Environment & Sustainability	
Introduce a range of measures associated with HWRCs (OBC B19)	-200
Provide financial support to Waste Collection Authorities to introduce kerbside Green Waste Collections (OBC B20)	-200
	-400
Transport & Highways	
Increased efficiency by Highways Operations Group (OBC A35)	100
Efficiencies through more effective pothole repair & patching service (OBC A36)	500
Reduce Street Lighting Energy Costs (OBC A41)	200
Planning, Access and Commissioning Group – restructuring (OBC A47)	60
Restructure in Rights of Way Service (OBC B22)	50
Blue Badges charges - reduce to £5 only (OBC B23)	-25
Reducing Local Bus Service Costs (OFC C09)	-400
	485

	£000
Community Safety	
Initiatives Budget (Addition)	168
	168
Policy	
Redesign staffing structure (OBC A67)	50
Review PPCS management structure (OBC A72)	50
Nottingham Playhouse Grant (OBC B32)	-50
Reductions in Communications & Marketing(OFC A30)	110
County Council management restructure (Addition)	200
Changes to Special Responsibility Allowances (Addition)	42
	402
Finance & Property	
Reduction in County Offices Maintenance (OBC A30)	100
Property Group – rationalisation (OBC A32)	200
Reduction in Planned Maintenance Budget (OBC A33)	250
Finance & Procurement restructure (OBC A49)	120
ICT - Contract Savings (OBC A50)	100
ICT - Savings in provision of online @home service (OBC A51)	250
Reduction in provision of ICT equipment replacement (OBC A53)	100
Restructure the Business Support and Development team (OBC A54)	60
Shared Service for Internal Audit (OFC A20)	75
Councillors' Divisional Fund (Addition)	-168
County Supplies - new operating model (Addition)*	100
Procurement Group - new operating model (Addition)*	500
	1,687
Total Amendments	5,974

*New Operating Model - bringing in external expertise for the provision of this service through partnership or externalising the service

Conservative Group Amendment 2016/17 to 2018/19

	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000
Adult Social Care & Health			
Restructure in the Joint Commissioning Unit (OBC A05)	126	126	-
Assessment and Care Management - Older Adults (OBC B01)	500	-	-
Restructure social care staff in hospital settings (OBC B03)	240	-	-
Younger Adults Assessment & Care Management (A&CM) and Structural Changes (OBC B07)	634	633	-
Reduction in long term care placements (OBC C03)	239	238	-
Day Services (OBC C07)	-490	-	-
Various contract changes by the Joint Commissioning Unit (OBC C09)	806	805	-
Targeting Reablement Support (OBC C13)	-300	-	-
Promoting Independence through the use of Assistive Technology (OFC A05)	150	150	-
Review of Intermediate Care Services (OFC B01)	-	360	-
Direct Payments (OFC C01)	400	800	-
Development of Extra Care Housing & Promotion of Independent Living, etc. (OFC C03)	-677	-1,810	-1,859
Remove duplication between NHS & NCC (Addition)	500	-	-
	2,128	1,302	-1,859
Children & Young People			
Support to Schools (OBC A13)	30	40	-
Planning, Performance and Quality Assurance Group (OBC A19)	250	-	-
Independent Travel Training (OBC B10)	300	300	-
Fixed Cost Purchase of Residential Placements, etc. (OFC A08)	-	189	-
Restructure of the Quality & Improvement Group (OFC A13)	-	125	-
Early Years - Service & Contractual Efficiencies (OFC B05)	25	-	-
SEND Home to School Transport (OFC B06)	-	100	-
Targeted Support & Youth Justice Cost Reductions(OFC B07)	125	125	-
Integrated Family Support Model (OFC B09)	500	-500	-
	1,230	379	-
Culture			
Accelerated Delivery of Green Estates Strategy (OFC A16)	50	-	-
	50	-	-

	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000
Finance & Property			
Reduction in County Offices Maintenance (OBC A30)	-50	50	-
Property Group – rationalisation (OBC A32)	-200	-	-
Reduction in Planned Maintenance Budget (OBC A33)	250	-	-
Finance & Procurement restructure (OBC A49)	120	-	-
ICT Contract Savings (OBC A50)	150	-	-
Shared Service for Internal Audit (OFC A20)	-75	-	-
Joint Venture for Property Services (OFC A24)	625	1,875	-
Workforce Mobilisation Strategy (Addition)	1,000	2,000	1,500
County Supplies - new operating model (Addition)*	170	-	-
Procurement Group - new operating model (Addition)*	1,500	-	-
Resource/Support Functions - new operating model (Addition)*	1,146	-	-
	4,636	3,925	
Policy			
Reductions in Communications & Marketing (OFC A30)	90	-	-
Resource/Support Functions - new operating model (Addition)*	253	-	-
County Council management restructure (Addition)	600	-	-
	943	-	-
Personnel			
Resource/Support Functions - new operating model (Addition)*	270	-	-
	270	-	-
Transport & Highways			
Increased efficiency by Highways Operations Group (OBC A35)	-100	-	-
Reduce Street Lighting Energy Costs (OBC A41)	200	200	-
Restructure - Planning, Access and Commissioning Group (OBC A47)	60	60	-
Restructure - Transport & Travel Services (OBC A55)	150	-	-
Reduction of discretionary spend (OBC A57)	50	-	-
Reduction in Rights of Way Service budgets (OBC B22)	100	100	-
Proposed increase charges for Blue Badges (OBC B23)	-35	-	-
Reducing Local Bus Service Costs (OFC C09)	-400	-	-
Passenger Transport (Addition)	600	-	-
Fleet Maintenance (Addition)	110	-	-
	735	360	-
Total Amendments	9,992	5,966	-359

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