

COUNCIL – 21st FEBRUARY 2019

AGENDA ITEM 11 – REVENUE BUDGET, CAPITAL STRATEGY AND COUNCIL TAX 2019/20

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Liberal Democrat Group propose the following amendments to the budget presented in the agenda papers for this meeting.

1. REMOVE the cost of the pre-full council buffet for elected members, saving £900 per annum.
2. ADD membership of Association of Drainage Authorities at an initial cost of £334 per annum, to reflect the significance of drainage and flooding to East Cambridgeshire.
3. INCREASE the community transport grant pot from £15,000 to £50,000 per annum — an increase from £43,500 to £50,000 in 2019/20, then maintaining it at this level henceforward.
4. ADD additional resource to the Planning Department in particular to support landscape consultancy responses on planning applications, equivalent to 0.5 FTE of a planning officer (£16,000).
5. INCREASE Council Tax by 1 per cent per annum starting in 2019/20 and continuing to 2021/22.

In financial terms, the overall impact of these changes is to reduce the “savings to be identified” value in 2021-22 from £3,183,519 to £3,045,800.

Proposer: Councillor Lorna Dupre

Seconder: Councillor Christine Whelan

DRAFT ALTERNATIVE BUDGET 2019/20

	Estimate 2018-2019 £	Estimate 2019-2020 £	Estimate 2020-2021 £	Estimate 2021-2022 £	Estimate 2022-2023 £
Committees:					
Regulatory Services	3,536,687	3,770,180	3,917,558	4,301,353	4,388,632
Community Services	1,623,211	898,086	748,116	766,087	784,345
Resources & Finance	5,345,901	6,110,682	6,230,063	6,344,850	6,442,800
Net District Spending	10,505,799	10,778,948	10,895,737	11,412,290	11,615,777
New Homes Bonus Grant	-716,357	-572,681	-302,515	-241,365	-179,636
Rural Services Grant	-161,606	-161,606	0	0	0
Internal Drainage Board Levies	482,259	492,140	501,983	512,023	522,263
Contributions to / from Corporate Reserves	-1,725	-58,006	88,522	86,282	74,242
Net Operating Expenditure	10,108,370	10,478,795	11,183,727	11,769,230	12,032,646
Contribution from Surplus Savings Reserve	-1,893,096	-1,519,102	-3,392,391	-768,917	0
Savings to be identified	0	0	0	-3,045,800	-3,961,460
ECDC Budget Requirement	8,215,274	8,959,693	7,791,336	7,954,512	8,071,186
Parish Council Precepts	2,113,445	2,255,224	2,290,047	2,324,870	2,359,693
DISTRICT BUDGET REQUIREMENT	10,328,719	11,214,917	10,081,383	10,279,382	10,430,879
Financed by:					
Council's share of Collection Funds Surplus	-224,365	-329,345	0	0	0
Revenue Support Grant	-353,703	-11,576	0	0	0
Locally retained Non-Domestic Rates	-3,146,182	-3,349,219	-2,666,891	-2,719,103	-2,768,571
Plus: NNDR from Renewable Energy	-331,937	-1,003,036	-748,591	-748,591	-748,591
COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT	6,272,532	6,521,741	6,665,901	6,811,688	6,913,717

	Estimate 2018-2019 £	Estimate 2019-2020 £	Estimate 2020-2021 £	Estimate 2021-2022 £	Estimate 2021-2022 £
Unallocated Surplus Savings Reserve					
In hand at 1st April	5,952,785	5,680,410	4,161,308	768,917	0
Movement in year	-272,375	-1,519,102	-3,392,391	-768,917	0
In hand at 31st March	5,680,410	4,161,308	768,917	0	0

IMPLIED BAND 'D' COUNCIL TAX (District only i.e. excluding parish levies)					
Demand on Collection Fund as above	6,272,532	6,521,741	6,665,901	6,811,688	6,913,717
Less Parish Precepts as above	2,113,445	2,255,224	2,290,047	2,324,870	2,359,693
	4,159,087	4,266,517	4,375,854	4,486,818	4,554,024
Council Tax Base	29,260.5	29,719.4	30,178.3	30,637.2	31,096.1
District Council Tax - Band D	142.14	143.56	145.00	146.45	146.45

Description	Estimate 2018/19	Estimate 2019/20	Estimate 2020/21	Estimate 2021/22	Estimate 2022/23
Regulatory Services					
Building Regulations	17,568	18,280	17,970	17,654	17,332
Civic Amenities	10,481	9,935	10,077	10,222	10,370
Cons. Area & Listed Buildings	58,754	59,701	60,645	61,608	62,590
Dog Warden Scheme	39,408	40,317	40,781	41,254	41,737
Environmental	112,301	91,821	93,251	94,710	96,199
Environmental Health	339,346	367,010	373,687	380,498	387,444
Health & Safety (Work)	28,713	14,000	14,280	14,566	14,857
Homelessness	383,641	345,757	404,701	415,393	426,300
Land Charges Admin	-44,212	-97,602	-76,971	-76,327	-75,670
Licencing - Env Services	-10,902	-11,373	-19,847	-28,522	-38,446
Nuisances	58,001	60,197	61,325	62,475	63,648
Pest Control	9,098	14,310	14,587	14,870	15,158
Planning	-114,002	-64,816	-58,830	-52,629	-46,207
Recycling	774,335	840,750	857,565	1,177,940	1,201,498
Refuse Collection	1,174,270	1,370,393	1,398,300	1,426,777	1,455,836
Renovation Grants	31,227	20,464	20,847	21,238	21,637
Street Cleansing	586,158	609,548	621,739	634,174	646,857
Street Naming & Numbering	3,371	3,062	3,282	3,506	3,735
Travellers Sites	-20,000	-20,000	-20,000	-20,000	-20,000
Tree Preservation / Landscaping	99,131	98,426	100,169	101,946	103,757
	3,536,687	3,770,180	3,917,558	4,301,353	4,388,632

Community Services

Award Ditches	8,656	8,829	8,917	9,006	9,096
Closed Churchyards	28,516	29,086	29,377	29,671	29,968
Community Projects & Grants	224,093	221,424	222,559	223,717	-246,572
Community Safety	48,197	46,346	46,954	47,574	48,206
Community Transport	15,000	21,500	50,000	50,000	50,000
Emergency Planning	47,522	27,808	28,088	28,374	28,665
General Gang	70,440	111,987	113,921	115,894	117,907
Leisure Centre	43,165	-312,062	-471,470	-471,470	0
Local Plans	330,000	91,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
Markets	0	0	0	0	0
Marketing & Grants	155,793	66,119	66,217	66,317	66,419
Oliver Cromwell House	0	0	0	0	0
Paradise Pool	27,977	750	0	0	0
Parish Forums	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Parking of Vehicles	-70,150	-33,610	-69,927	-66,170	-62,336
Parks and Open Spaces	451,487	384,896	390,877	396,909	402,991
Public Conveniences	146,837	145,367	147,863	150,408	153,006
Sport & Recreation Admin	93,678	86,646	87,740	88,857	89,995
The Old Gaol House	0	0	0	0	0
	1,623,211	898,086	748,116	766,087	784,345

Resources & Finance

Asset Management	205,000	191,918	141,918	141,918	141,918
Civic Relations	13,184	13,292	21,142	21,409	21,682
Corp. Man. Policy Research / Review	135,687	167,588	168,447	169,240	171,294
Council Tax Collection Costs	374,750	402,508	416,465	431,268	441,512
Customer Services	376,631	359,094	366,509	374,073	381,788
Data Management	87,240	95,352	96,565	97,802	99,064
Economic Development	55,781	23,006	27,496	31,638	35,861
Finance	315,550	329,265	321,526	327,751	334,103
Housing Benefits	324,394	338,516	378,157	398,906	408,264
Housing Strategy	189,573	236,191	241,802	247,526	253,365
Human Resources (including training)	178,797	186,195	187,937	189,714	191,526
Information Technology	862,142	833,281	813,756	824,413	835,255
Interest & Financial Transactions	-176,082	-225,916	-206,499	60,018	60,268
Internal Audit	69,821	71,710	73,100	74,518	75,964
Legal Services	176,523	241,452	218,436	222,708	227,066
Local Elections	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500

Description	Estimate 2018/19	Estimate 2019/20	Estimate 2020/21	Estimate 2021/22	Estimate 2022/23
Management Team	412,736	453,160	461,976	470,969	480,142
Member & Committee Support	487,614	481,990	469,141	478,048	487,133
Misc. Financial Services	561,081	1,170,878	1,301,722	1,037,765	1,037,765
Miscellaneous Properties	-44,605	-19,634	-44,663	-44,692	-44,722
NNDR Collection Costs	24,633	36,867	40,669	44,702	47,493
Out Of Hours Service	20,000	20,000	20,400	20,808	21,224
Payroll	46,600	53,833	54,783	55,752	56,741
Performance Management	57,513	56,486	57,455	58,444	59,452
Public Relations	73,705	74,435	75,172	75,917	76,669
Registration of Electors	56,657	58,431	58,431	58,431	58,431
Reprographics	110,383	106,121	107,397	108,699	110,027
Office Accommodation	328,093	332,163	338,323	344,605	351,015
	<u>5,345,901</u>	<u>6,110,682</u>	<u>6,230,063</u>	<u>6,344,850</u>	<u>6,442,800</u>
Total	<u>10,505,799</u>	<u>10,778,948</u>	<u>10,895,737</u>	<u>11,412,290</u>	<u>11,615,777</u>

Appendix 1

East Cambridgeshire District Council, hereinafter referred to as “the Council” in this resolution, RESOLVES for the financial year 2019/20 to:

1. Set the Council Tax Requirement for the Council at £6,521,741 calculated as follows:

	£
a) Net expenditure on Council services	4,266,517
b) City, Parish and Town Council precepts	<u>2,255,224</u>
c) Council Tax Requirement	<u>6,521,741</u>

2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is £4,266,517.

3. Note that, arising from decisions taken by City, Parish and Town Councils by 11th February 2019, the amount of Special Expenses included in the budget requirement set out above is £2,255,224.

4. Note that in accordance with regulations made under section 31(B) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by Section 74 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council’s Section 151 Officer has calculated the following amounts:
 - (a) 29,719.4 being the Council Tax Base (in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012.
 - (b) The sums shown in Schedule A column (2): being the amounts of Council Tax Base for dwellings in those parts of the area set out in column (1) of the schedule to which special expenses relate.

5. Note that Cambridgeshire County Council, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, have stated the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council.

Band	County Council £	Police Commissioner £	Fire Authority £
A	874.74	148.44	47.16
B	1,020.53	173.18	55.02
C	1,166.32	197.92	62.88
D	1,312.11	222.66	70.74
E	1,603.69	272.14	86.46
F	1,895.27	321.62	102.18
G	2,186.85	371.10	117.90
H	2,624.22	445.32	141.48

6. Set the following amounts in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and The Local Government Finance Act 2012:

	Description	Amount £	Notes
a)	Gross Expenditure	37,257,280	
b)	Gross Income	30,735,539	
c)	Council Tax Requirement	6,521,741	
d)	Basic Amount of Council Tax	219.44	Item (c) divided by tax base
e)	Total of Special Items	2,255,224	Parish Precepts
f)	Basic amount of Council Tax for dwellings in parts of the area to which no special items relate	143.56	Item (c) - (e) divided by tax base
g)	Basic Amount of Council Tax for dwellings in parts of the area to which one or more special items relate	Sums in column (6) of Schedule A	Item (f) plus column 4 of Schedule A (excludes Fire, Police and County Council)
h)	Basic Amount of Council Tax as in (g) for each Council Tax band	Sums shown in Schedule B	(excludes Fire, Police and County Council)

7. *The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2019/20* sets out the principles, which the Secretary of state has determined will apply to local authorities in England for 2019/20. The Council is required to determine whether its basic amount of Council Tax is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by section 5 of the Localism Act 2011.
8. This Council hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is not excessive in accordance with the legislation set out in the preceding paragraph.
9. Set, as a result of items 5 and 6(h) above, the amounts of Council Tax shown in Schedule C, in accordance the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the schedule.