

Council

6 April 2009

126. NOTICE OF MOTION - LABOUR GROUP ALTERNATIVE BUDGET - AMENDMENT

A Notice of Motion had been submitted by Councillor Hartnett in accordance with Standing Orders 6 and 15 in respect of the Budget considered by the Council on 23 February 2009.

The Mayor advised that, as this Notice of Motion related to the following item, the amendment contained within the Notice of Motion would be considered alongside that item, Budget Savings 2009/10 to 2011/12.

127. BUDGET SAVINGS 2009/10 - 2011/12

The Council considered a number of proposals designed to address the budget gap following the end of the period of staff and public consultation on a range of options for achieving the required savings.

The Leader introduced a report detailing which of the basket of options that had been the subject of the consultation process were being recommended to continue to receive funding through the revenue budget. The proposed basket of options was tabled at the meeting.

Two of the more significant recommendations put forward saw the management of the Pitcheroak Golf Course and the REDI Centre being transferred to alternative providers. A potential service provider had already been identified for the golf course whereas the management of the REDI Centre would be the subject of a formal procurement process.

A number of further recommendations were highlighted. The provision of Christmas lights, a rat control service and the annual firework display were to remain in the Council's revenue budget going forward. A decision on the Neighbourhood Groups was to await the outcome of an Overview and Scrutiny review. Proposed car parking charges were now being recommended only for the Town Hall Car Park and Trescott Road Car Park until 6.00 pm at weekends.

During the course of the discussion, the following proposed amendment in respect of Budget Savings 2009/10 to 2011/12, and

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as detailed in the previously mentioned Notice of Motion, was the subject of a named vote in accordance with Standing Order 16:

'Following the public consultation on the Council budget for 2009/10, we move an amendment to the Budget considered by Council on 9 March 2009 (should read 23 February 2009). The amendment is as attached.' (at pages 11-12 of the Council agenda)

Members voting FOR the amendment to the motion:

Councillors Chance, Cookson, Enderby, Fry, Hartnett, Hunt, R King, W King, Mould, Shurmer and Taylor. (11 votes)

Members voting AGAINST the amendment to the motion:

Councillors Anderson, Braley, Brunner, Chalk, A Clayton, B Clayton, Hopkins, Field, Gandy, Hall, MacMillan, Norton, Pearce, Quinney, Smith and Thomas.
(16 votes)

Members abstaining from voting:

None.

Accordingly, the amendment fell.

Prior to the above named vote being taken, a further amendment to the original motion, which proposed the adoption of a range of further options in respect of revenue and capital bids, was the subject of a second named vote in accordance with Standing Order 16:

Members voting FOR the amendment to the motion:

Councillors Chance, Cookson, Fry, Hartnett, Hunt, R King, W King, Mould, Shurmer and Taylor. (10 votes)

Members voting AGAINST the amendment to the motion:

Councillors Anderson, Braley, Brunner, Chalk, A Clayton, B Clayton, Hopkins, Field, Gandy, Hall, MacMillan, Norton, Pearce, Quinney, Smith and Thomas.
(16 votes)

Members abstaining from voting:

Councillor Enderby.
(1 vote)

Accordingly, this second amendment to the Motion fell and it was subsequently

RESOLVED that

- 1) the proposals for the General Fund budget for 2009/10 to 2011/12, as set out below, be approved:

	2009/10 £'000	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
SAVINGS			
Pitcheroak Golf Course	42.7	56.9	56.9
Planning	53.2	53.2	
Shared Services	40.0	290.0	390.0
Vacancy Management	125.0	125.0	125.0
REDI	60.0	160.0	160.0
Print Unit	52.0	52.0	52.0
Procurement	70.0	70.0	70.0
Corporate Training	50.0	50.0	50.0
Arrow Valley Countryside Centre	24.0	24.0	24.0
Building Control	20.7	20.7	20.7
Head of Asset & Maintenance	25.0	25.0	25.0
Switchboard	3.0	3.0	3.0
In-Curtilage Parking	10.0		
Committee Services	14.0	14.0	14.0
Benefits Subsidy	40.0	100.0	100.0
Pay Award	60.0	120.0	180.0
Property Services	10.3	10.3	10.3
Licensing Officer	13.3	13.3	13.3
Community Meeting Rooms	45.0	61.0	61.0
Support Service Costs	25.0	25.0	25.0
Councillors' Personal Budgets	16.5	16.5	16.5
INCOME			
Forge Mill	10.0	10.0	10.0
Private Sector Lifeline	28.4	28.4	28.4
Car Parking (Town Hall / Trescott Road)	12.0	22.0	22.0
Dial-a-Ride	10.0	10.0	10.0
Arrow Valley Countryside Centre	10.0	10.0	10.0
TOTAL SAVINGS / ADDITIONAL INCOME	870.1	1,370.3	1,477.1
Less additional bids:			
Rat Control Service	5.0	5.0	5.0
Fireworks Display	15.0	15.0	15.0
Support for Minor Land Sales	10.0	10.0	10.0

Revenue implications of savings	25.1		
TOTAL	815.0	1340.3	1447.1

- 2) **the Council not proceed with the suspended transfer of the REDI service, and the leasing of the REDI Centre, to the Trust (REDI Centre Limited);**
- 3) **the variations to, and impacts on the budget of, those matters formally consulted upon be noted; and**
- 4) **Officers provide a future options report to enable Members to consider the potential for re-investment in services to assist with the economic downturn.**

(Prior to consideration of this item, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, Councillor Braley declared a personal but not a prejudicial interest in this item, in view of the fact that he was a governor of an institution which might at some future time be considered as an alternative provider for the services at the REDI Centre.)