

Amendment 1 – Invest in Housing

We propose a commitment to invest up to £10m in new and purchased social housing in 2018/9.

The budget change proposed is as follows:

Amend 2.12 (P3) to read ‘Approve the General Fund Capital and Housing Investment Programmes as detailed in Appendices 10 parts 1 & 2 amended to include capital investment by the Council of up to £10m in 2018/19 in new and purchased social housing, together with the funding of both programmes as detailed in appendices 10 parts 3 & 4 and the changes described in paragraph 3.11 and Appendix 9, suitably amended to reflect the change

Amendment 2 – refurbish the old Italian Club in Packington Place as a Winter Night shelter

We propose a commitment to invest up to £50k to refurbish the long-derelict former Italian Club in Packington Place as a Winter Night Shelter. Otherwise this shelter is likely to lose its current premises and close before next winter. Portfolio Holder and Officers have agreed this project in principle. To finance this would require a small adjustment to the use of Reserves.

The budget change proposed is as follows:

Amend recommendation 3.11.3 (P18) ‘that a sum of up to £50k be allocated from the New Homes Bonus to help fund the refurbishments necessary to the former Italian Club in Packington Place, should LWS agree an appropriate lease and submit an acceptable grant application’. A further amendment to 3.13 (P21) last bullet point will provide the funding and read‘the balance of the New Homes Bonus for 2018/9 of £1,001,324 is allocated to the Community Projects Reserve,’

Amendment 3 – Strengthen the Safer Neighbourhood Team

Crime and anti-social behaviour is rising. Over the last ten years Police numbers have been drastically reduced. Our own Safer Neighbourhood Team has halved in the same period. We therefore propose a modest investment in our own resources to work with other Agencies to start to deal more effectively with the problems. This will be financed by converting the new Strategic Opportunities Manager post into a two year contract, financed from Reserves.

The budget changes proposed are as follows:

Amend 3.3.5 (P5) by adding a fourth bullet point ‘to strengthen the resources available to the Safer Neighbourhoods Team the sum of up to £45,400 will be allocated to this department, to be deployed as Officers decide, on extra staff and/or greater flexibility for existing staff.’

Amend bullet point 3 to read ‘A new Strategic Opportunities Project Manager post has been created on a temporary contract of up to 2 years at an annual budget of £45,400.... and amend 3.10.3 xiii re Service Transformation Reserve on P 17 to read ‘....Health Officer and £90,800 over two years to fund the 2 year Strategic Opportunities Project Manager post’.