

## Notes to Green Group Budget

**We believe that, at a time of such uncertainty and housing need, we should be investing in our City's social infrastructure not its car parks.**

### Capital Budget

We would cancel the costly and environmentally damaging extension to the Seacourt Park & Ride and reverse the decision to buy-out the lease of a certain City Centre property (which for commercial reasons we are unable to name).

This frees up almost £5m of capital to invest in the refurbishment of homeless accommodation (£0.5m), avoid sell-offs of community facilities (East Oxford Community Centre north site and East Oxford Games Hall) and refurbishing the buildings on these sites (£2.0m), and increase expenditure on energy conservation and renewables (£0.6m) via our SALIX Plus fund.

Cancelling Seacourt also creates almost £1.8m surplus on the capital financing reserve. We use just over £1.5m to support additional revenue spending and return £261k EXTRA to balances providing a further cushion against future uncertainty.

### Revenue Budget

#### - Saving & new income

We raise parking charges across-the-board, over a period of two years, by 6% to offset to loss of the revenue from the Seacourt Park & Ride expansion. Note that this fully funds the ANTICIPATED revenues from Seacourt even though CEB accepted that these projections are high risk and thus the actual revenues could well be much lower.

We recognise the revenue for our capital investment in SALIX Plus projects, savings from our re-opening of homeless accommodation as well as income from introducing a late night licensing levy and cutting down on Councillor's special responsibility allowances. We also recognise cost-neutral savings from expanding the fraud team (though we understand that this will likely generate income from new trading activity).

#### - New expenditure

We accept ALL the changes made since the consultation budget.

In addition, we use the additional revenue we have raised to

- Re-open Lucy Faithful House (we have allowed £500k/year – which we believe to be a 'high end' estimate of costs).
- We have doubled the support available to Children's Centres in Year 1 (from £50k to £100k) and extended the transitional support from one to two-and-a-half years.
- Extended support for small cycle schemes from two years to four years.
- Invested in the aforementioned fraud team

### HRA Budget – no changes

REVENUE

GREEN GROUP MENDMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIONS CONSULTATION BUDGET

REVENUE

£1000's

	2017/18 £000'S	2018/19 £000'S	2019/20 £000'S	2020/21 £000'S
<b>Consultation Budget Net Budget Requirement</b>	21,281	22,212	21,877	22,298
<b>Changes since the consultation budget</b>				
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(618)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Additional Savings proposed</b>				
1 Raise parking charges by 6% to cover income from cancelling Seacourt extension	(110)	(270)	(270)	(270)
2 Income (5%/yr) from additional SALIX PLUS funding provided in capital budget	(8)	(16)	(24)	(32)
3 Use of capital reserves by deleting Seacourt	(437)	(404)	(376)	(579)
4 late night licence levy	(25)	(50)	(50)	(50)
5 reduced special responsibility allowances for Councillors	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)
6 savings on provision of homeless accommodation (from re-opening LFH)	(50)	(100)	(100)	(100)
7 Income from new fraud officer	(35)	(35)	0	0
<b>Total additional savings proposed</b>	<b>(690)</b>	<b>(900)</b>	<b>(845)</b>	<b>(1,056)</b>
<b>Cumulative additional savings</b>	<b>(690)</b>	<b>(1,590)</b>	<b>(2,435)</b>	<b>(3,491)</b>
<b>Additional costs proposed</b>				
1 Cancel Seacourt extension	110	270	270	270
2 Additional Children's Centres transitional funding (incl funding of stay & play sessions)	50	100	50	0
3 Small cycle schemes extension for 2 more years	0	0	25	25
4 Homeless funding for Lucy Faithful House	500	500	500	500
5 Fraud officer resource expand trading	30	30	0	0
<b>Total additional costs proposed</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>795</b>
<b>Net effect on budget in-year of proposals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(261)</b>
<b>Cumulative effect on budget</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(261)</b>
Additional Budget transfer to/(from) reserves	392	(219)	(167)	96
<b>Alternative Budget Net Budget Requirement</b>	<b>21,055</b>	<b>22,054</b>	<b>21,745</b>	<b>22,163</b>
<b>Financed By :</b>				
Revenue Support Grant - Consultation Budget	(1,515)	(630)	0	0
Changes to revenue support grant	55			
Council Tax- Consultation Budget	(12,949)	(13,339)	(13,740)	(14,154)
Additional council tax	0	0	0	0
Retained Business Rates - Consultation Budget	(6,816)	(8,243)	(8,138)	(8,144)
Additional business rates	170	158	133	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>(21,055)</b>	<b>(22,054)</b>	<b>(21,745)</b>	<b>(22,163)</b>
<b>(surplus)/deficit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>General Fund Working Balance</b>				
Working Balance 1st April	3,621	4,013	4,554	4,260
Consultation Budget		760	(127)	(635)
Transfer to/(from) balance	392	(219)	(167)	96
Working Balance 31st March	4,013	4,554	4,260	3,721

CAPITAL

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIONS CONSULTATION BUDGET

CAPITAL

	2017/18 £000'S	2018/19 £000'S	2019/20 £000'S	2020/21 £000'S
<b>CAPITAL PROGRAM AS PER CEB 17TH DECEMBER - General Fund and HRA</b>	60,759	60,838	40,099	33,588
<b>Changes since the consultation budget</b>				
<b>Sub total of changes since consultation budget</b>	1,405	7,525	3,435	11,291
<b>ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS</b>				
1 Cancel Seacourt park and ride extension	(3,376)	(500)		
2 Cancel buy-out of property lease		(1,000)		
3 Additional funding for EOCC re-development to include north end of EOCC site	500			
4 Refurbishment of Lucy Faithful House	500			
5 Top-up of SALIX- PLUS carbon reduction fund (4 years)	150	150	150	150
6 Investment in East Oxford Games Hall - instead of sell-off	150			
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(2,076)</b>	<b>(1,350)</b>	150	150
<b>REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>60,088</b>	<b>67,013</b>	<b>43,684</b>	<b>45,029</b>

<b>FINANCING</b>				
<b>FINANCING AS PER CEB REPORT 17TH DECEMBER</b>	60,759	60,838	40,099	33,588
<b>Changes since the consultation budget</b>				
<b>Sub Total of changes since consultation budget</b>	1,405	7,525	3,435	11,291
<b>ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS</b>				
1 Release Capital Financing Reserve re Seacourt	(3,376)	(500)		
2 Don't sell off East Oxford Community Centre site or East Oxford Games Hall			(1,330)	
3 Replace capital receipt from EOCC with capital financing reserve from Seacourt			1,330	
4 Release capital financing reserves re cancel purchase of leasehold property		(1,000)		
5 Additional capital financing reserve for EOCC re-development to include north end of EOCC	500			
6 Additional capital reserve for Refurbishment of Lucy Faithful House	500			
7 Additional capital reserve for Top-up of SALIX- PLUS carbon reduction fund (4 years)	150	150	150	150
8 Additional capital reserve for Investment in EOGH - instead of sell-off	150			
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-2,076</b>	<b>-1,350</b>	150	150
<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>60,088</b>	<b>67,013</b>	<b>43,684</b>	<b>45,029</b>

(surplus)/deficit

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## **Head of Finance – Section 151 Comments on Green Group Alternative Budget for 2017-18 to 2020/21**

**Date 15-02-17**

I have reviewed the budget submitted by the Green party as an alternative to the Labour Administrations budget and can conclude that it is arithmetically correct and could be implemented if voted through.

There are no changes to the Administrations HRA budget.

On the Capital Budget an additional £1.750 million of schemes have been included with £4.876 million deleted. A detailed business case would be required to substantiate the plans for the additional schemes. The deleted capital expenditure refers to the Seacourt Park and Ride extension and the purchase of the leasehold on a city centre property for use by homeless families. This in turn would release resources of an equivalent value to be used to fund the additional schemes, the loss of capital receipt from the East Oxford Community Centre scheme and other revenue spend.

On revenue the main features of additional cost relates to the increased cost operating a property for the homeless, additional support to children's centres and the loss of additional income at Seacourt Park and Ride in line with the proposal to cancel the scheme. There are a number of additional savings with the most significant being additional fees from car parks from above inflation increases, savings from the use of temporary accommodation property and the use of £1.796 million of the resources used to finance Seacourt Park and Ride to balance the plan in each of the four years over the medium term.

Whilst the plan could be implemented the use of one-off resources from the cancellation of Seacourt Park and Ride does give cause for concern over the sustainability of the plan in the longer term, if the additional ongoing expenditure of £0.795 million is to continue. Plans will need to be considered of how deficits could be covered in future years once the one-off saving is exhausted.

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