

**1 Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this amendment is to:

- invest in Hampshire's **young people and families** by reversing the Conservative administration's cuts to Children's Centres and Youth Services;
- protect **older residents** through returning needed funding to Adult Care Services;
- improve safety by increasing funding for **pavement and verge repairs**;
- support **rural communities** by increasing investment in bus services;
- take a lead on tackling **fuel poverty and energy conservation** by promoting the Green Deal; and
- see **increased library hours** throughout the County by recruiting and training volunteers to assist professional staff and help **protect the book fund**.

**2 Amendment to the 2012/13 revenue budget**

2.1 That it be an amendment to recommendation (c) in para 7 of item 11 on the revenue budget and precept for 2012/13:

a) Additions to budgets – ongoing improvements in service:

**Children's Services**

£'000

- **Children's Centres & Youth Services**

5,000

- reversing the cuts in service at Children's Centres across Hampshire, supporting children and young families as an investment in their future.
- reversing the cuts in general youth services and thereby reinstating the 2010/11 provision of support for youth and thereby encouraging sport and community activity and reducing anti-social behaviour.

**Adult Services**

£'000

- **Adult Care**

10,000

- reinstating a substantial part of the removed budget for care services including a review to reduce the worst effects of the increase in care charges.

## Environment

- **Pavement (Footway) Maintenance** 2,000
  - to fund additional maintenance on footways.
- **Rural Bus Services** 1,000
  - to increase provision for much-needed bus services in rural areas.
- **The Green Deal** 1,000
  - to take a lead in the implementation of the Green Deal to reduce fuel poverty, and to assist in the generation of renewable energy.

**Total addition to amended budgets for ongoing improvements** 19,000

b) To be financed by reductions to budgets:

- **Reduction in Publicity and Corporate Communications costs throughout the County Council** £'000 350
  - further reduction in corporate communications along with axing "Hampshire Now"
- **Travel** 250
  - targeted reduction in mileage including ending the budget for chauffeur-driven cars for councillors
- **Energy** 400
  - targeted reduction in council-wide consumption
- **Contingency** 18,000
  - reduction in revenue contingency budget on the basis that risk of contingency use is consolidated

**To finance on-going improvements in service** 19,000

c) One-off addition to budgets financed from the general fund balance

### Libraries

- **Library Opening Hours** 500
  - increased library hours throughout the County by recruiting volunteers to assist professional staff

**Total addition to amended budgets for one-off improvements** 500

**Proposed:**

**Seconded:**

**Councillor Keith House  
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group**

**Councillor Brian Dash**