

COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH 2015, 6.30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the above meeting of the Council, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was published.

Agenda No Item

5	GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16	(Pages 279 - 292)
	An alternative budget for consideration by the Council, as proposed by the Conservative Group.	

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Report of	Meeting	Date
The Conservative Group	Council	3 March 2015

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET 2015/16

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To propose an alternative budget for consideration by the Council, as proposed by the Conservative Group.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the Council adopt the alternative budget options as set out in this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. This report sets out alternative budget proposals to those being put forward by the administration.
4. Firstly the report presents eight new investment proposals totalling £311,000. Six of these proposals are aimed at supporting rural communities and businesses, an area which we feel the administration often neglects.
5. We also recommend the removal of £209,000 of revenue investment proposals which are being put forwards by the administration, as well as the removal of the £100,000 which is being set aside from the New Homes Bonus fund to meet the costs of a unitary status local poll.
6. Finally we propose to reduce the administration's capital investment proposals by £2.345m and instead use this money to reduce the cost of borrowing to the council by £94,000 per year.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

7. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	✓	A strong local economy	✓
Clean, safe and healthy communities	✓	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

BACKGROUND

8. The administration is proposing to spend £4.422m on a range of revenue and capital investment projects. It must be acknowledged that the opportunity to do this is wholly as a result of the funding made available by central government. Despite claims that government grant has been cut the total resources available to the Council has increased and will, by 2017 / 2018, be £15.2million which represents an increase over and above that currently available for 2015 / 2016.
9. The administration acknowledges that, based on their analysis, there will, in the future, be a funding gap where projected expenditure will be £2.6million greater than income. This paper puts forward an alternative budget, for consideration by Members of the Council, which invests in the Borough whilst reducing debt to mitigate the impact of the administrations projected budget gap.

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET

10. The alternative budget proposals are set out in Appendix A. The proposals set out eight new areas for investment totalling £311,000 as well as removing and making changes to some of the administration's proposed investment areas totalling £309,000.
11. The new investment areas were presented at Policy Council in November 2014, as part of our alternative Corporate Strategy they focus on providing more support to the Borough's rural businesses and communities, ensuring investment and opportunities are provided throughout the Borough.
12. Comments provided in the budget consultation, from residents, clearly show that people living in rural areas feel that the current administration focuses on some areas of the Borough at the expense of others. We, therefore, propose to invest £300,000 in new projects which will benefit the entire Borough.
13. A further £11,000 should be allocated to work which would support the council improving and becoming more efficient.
14. We agree with the administration's proposals to freeze Council tax in 2015 / 2016 and to increase general balances to £3m over the 3 year MTFS period.
15. During the Corporate Strategy Council meeting the administration suggested that some of our proposals, made as part of our alternative strategy, may be taken forward as part of the Council's organisational plan, either in their own right or incorporated into other projects, however we can see no evidence of this and we are therefore presenting them again for approval in our alternative budget proposal.
16. Our view is that there are a number of projects being proposed, by the administration, that are low priority or are being prematurely put forward, which should be removed.
17. In particular we propose to remove £2,345,000 of capital investment proposals. Our opinion is that these projects should either be funded and delivered through partnership working or are not, at this point, a priority. We feel that the Council would be better served to allocate £2.345m in reducing debt rather than funding unnecessary projects. The impact of this would be an annual MPR saving of £94,000.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW INVESTMENT

18. Our proposals for investment are therefore as follows:

Proposed projects	Summary	Proposed budgets
Promote Specific Community Food Growing	Building on the work undertaken with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, this project would work with parish councils, RSLs, Groundwork and local communities to develop a specified number of community food growing schemes. Food growing schemes could also be supported through time credits and a communications campaign. Benefits could potentially include: Promotion of healthier lifestyles (people are more active and aware of healthy food); Promotion of inter-generational activities; community cohesion; low cost fresh produce.	£35,000
Promote and Encourage Community Management of Facilities	Based on community asset transfer of community centres, and expand and develop to other assets (such as play areas and open spaces). Should bring greater feeling of ownership and pride in the local community, and offer a more cost-effective method for managing assets.	£30,000
Rural Business Support Package	Develop a service which provides tailored support and advice to businesses and individuals in rural communities. In addition, this would include establishing a rural team, similar to the 'town team' engaging rural businesses and parish councils. The third element involves supporting businesses and individuals to access funding through the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) and establishing a grants package to support business to access the RDPE funding (match funding).	£50,000
Develop Rural Service Centres	Support shops and businesses in rural service centres (links to the expansion of grants throughout the Borough and the development of a rural enterprise team).	£80,000
Expand Business and Shop Grants throughout the Borough	Supporting the expansion of local businesses and expanding the offer of grants (shop front improvement grants, shop floor refurbishment grants and business rate subsidy scheme) to businesses and shops throughout the Borough rather than being focussed on businesses specifically in the town centre and a limited number of service centres.	£100,000
Deliver a Shop Local Campaign	Complementing the national campaign, the campaign will encourage people to use the shops and businesses across the borough to support the local economy and local area.	£5,000
Establish a Consultancy Business for Front and Back Office Support and Improvement	Using existing resources, and improved productivity, market the services of back office functions to other organisations to recoup some of the cost of the back office.	£10,000

Implement a Staff Suggestion Scheme	A scheme would be developed to encourage staff to make suggestions about how the council can be improved, to improve service delivery or to work more efficiently.	£1,000
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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET PROPOSALS

19. The table below identifies the revenue budget proposals which are supported but recommended to be placed on hold.

Investment Area (Revenue)	Proposed Budget	Reason for removal
Chorley Flower Show	£50,000	We support this in principle however propose to remove this as an investment area for 2015 / 2016 as improving the car parking at Astley Park should be delivered before new, large-scale, events are organised.
Town and Country Festival	£10,000	A festival of this scale could and should be community-led and financed.
Investigate Opportunities to expand Chorley Markets	£30,000	As Chorley is a Market Town this is supported but should be placed on hold until the impact of ASDA and further work is investigated.
Additional Events at Astley Hall	£14,000	Car parking, for events at Astley Hall and Park, needs improving before any further increases to events at Astley.
Support the Expansion of Local Businesses	£40,000	This is not being removed as it is included in our £100,000 proposal to expand business and shop grants throughout the Borough.

20. The table below identifies some changes to the scope of administration's revenue budget proposals, and also reduces the budgets for two of the proposed schemes around digital access and the delivery of events.

Investment Area (Revenue)	Proposed Budget	Proposed change
Dedicated Dog Fouling Team	£45,000	We support this investment and we also suggest that the Streetklean and PooPrints DNA programme, combined with Public Space Protection Orders, be investigated for implementation.
Digital Access and Inclusion	£30,000 (reduced by £20,000)	This project would also incorporate information about where support can be accessed.
Development and Delivery of Community Action Plans	£200,000	We support this work and propose that the work should be targeted in our most deprived wards and that the plans should have clear links to the work of the Public Service Reform board.
North West in Bloom	£45,000	We support this scheme and seek to include Parish Councils together with other interested bodies and community groups who could also bring in additional funding.
Delivery of Neighbourhood	£50,000	The scope of this project would

Priorities		incorporate a number of the administration's proposals including mediation services for ASB.
Provide Support to Food Provision Schemes	£15,000	We would like to ensure that this project has clear links to CAB and other providers.
Young Persons' Drop In	£19,000	We support this project and propose to increase the age range of those who can access this service from 16-17 to 16-19.
Free Swimming	£8,000	We support this project, propose to fund it from slippage and include older people in addition to children.
Employment Support Fund with Runshaw College	£20,000	We support this project, and recommend that it provides support to all Chorley students attending neighbouring colleges in such as Preston and Bolton colleges.
Campaigns and Events	£20,000 (reduced by £45,000)	It is proposed to reduce the budget and focus the scope of this work to maintain the current level of events, rather than to deliver even more events as set out in the administration's proposals. We would also work to ensure that, where possible, events are delivered on a cost neutral basis.

21. We also propose to remove the £100,000 budget which the administration proposes to set aside to meet the cost of a Unitary Status Local Poll. We believe that this provision is premature as no decision has yet been made by the Council on whether to conduct such a poll or not.

22. The table below recommends changes to the proposed capital investment areas:

Investment Area (Capital)	Proposed Budget	Reason for removal / change
Recycling Lives – Depot Split	Remove full £120,00 budget	Further information required regarding the current lease and operations
Yarrow Valley Car Park	Remove full £225,000 budget	Further information is required and it is not considered a priority at this time.
Youth Zone	Remove full £1,000,000 budget	While we support the principle of the scheme our view is that LCC should deliver their Youth Zone model as it includes children's services, YOT and YPS, with no revenue running costs to Chorley and it delivers to the most vulnerable.
Deliver Improvements to Market Street	Remove the full £1,000,000 budget	The current works to Market Street need time to become established also time should be given to assess the impact of ASDA.
Buckshaw Community Centre	£600,000 – No change to the budget	The need for a Community Centre is agreed the location, however, should be on the Group 1 Land and consideration be given to possible use with the new Primary School in terms of land, accessibility and sustainability.

23. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

24. The alternative budget proposals are delivered within the same resource limits as the administration's budget. Details are set out in the Appendices attached and show that the expenditure plans, as set out, result in a reduced deficit at the end of the period when compared with the administration's proposals. This is achieved by setting aside to repay debt a sum of £2.345m taken from the removal of the capital investment of the same sum as detailed in paragraph 23. The saving comes from a reduction in net financing charges of £94k per annum.
25. In terms of my statutory officer report, as there are no changes to the assumptions made on constructing the budget my comments contained in that report apply equally to the alternative budget. On that basis I am content that the proposals set out are deliverable within the resource constraints discussed.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

26. None.

COUNCILLOR P LEADBETTER
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION BUDGET PROPOSALS

APPENDIX 1

New Investment Package 2015/16

Origin	Revenue / Capital	New investment package	2013/14 & 2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £
2013/14 package	revenue	Neighbourhood working - Building capacity in local communities	70,000		
2013/14 package	revenue	Support to VCFS network	15,000		
2013/14 package	revenue	Chorley Community bank	50,000		
2013/14 package	revenue	Play Area Improvements	100,000	235,000	
2014/15 package	capital	Astley Hall and Park Development - CAPITAL	218,000	218,000	
2014/15 package	revenue	British Cycling	45,000		
2014/15 package	revenue	Town Centre and Steeley Lane pilot action plans	100,000	145,000	
Total New Developments for 2015/16 already approved in previous budget rounds				598,000	
NEW APPROVAL REQUIRED FROM THIS LINE DOWNWARDS:-					
New Development Package (Revenue)					
INVOLVING RESIDENTS IN THEIR LOCAL AREA AND EQUALITY OF ACCESS FOR ALL					
2015/16 package	revenue	Digital access and inclusion		15,000	15,000
2015/16 package	revenue	Development and delivery of community action plans		200,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Chorley Flower Show		-	
2014/15 package	revenue	North West in Bloom		45,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Town and Country Festival		-	
2013/14 package	revenue	Delivery of neighbourhood priorities		50,000	
2014/15 package	revenue	Support the food bank		15,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Supporting communities to access grant funding		20,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Promote specific community food growing		35,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Promote and encourage community management of facilities		30,000	
Total new development for involving residents in their local area and equality of access for all				410,000	15,000
CLEAN, SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES					
2014/15 package	revenue	16/17 young person's drop in centre		19,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Provide an accommodation finding service for 'non-priority' households who are homeless or threatened with homelessness		6,000	18,000
2014/15 package	revenue	Free Swimming		8,000	
Total new development for clean, safe and healthy communities				33,000	18,000
A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY					
2015/16 package	revenue	Progress key employment sites (Inward Investment)		50,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Increase visitor numbers to Chorley		35,000	
2014/15 package	revenue	Support the expansion of local businesses (BIG grant)		-	
2015/16 package	revenue	Investigate further opportunities to expand Chorley Markets		-	
2013/14 package	revenue	Chorley Council employment support fund with Runshaw College		10,000	10,000
2015/16 package	revenue	Develop rural enterprise team refocus business advice team plus introduction of rural grant fund		50,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Develop rural service centres		80,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Expand offer to business and shops across the whole of Chorley Borough		100,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Deliver a shop local campaign		5,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Establish a consultancy business for front and back office support and improvement		10,000	
Total new development for a strong local economy				340,000	10,000
AN AMBITIOUS COUNCIL THAT DOES MORE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AREA					
2014/15 package	revenue	Provide a mediation Service for ASB case resolution (Mediation service for anti social behaviour disputes)		7,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Deliver the Chorley Public Service Reform Board work plan		15,000	
2014/15 package	revenue	Employee Health Scheme		20,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Campaigns and Events		20,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Additional events in Astley Hall and Park		-	
2015/16 package	revenue	Disabled and dementia online venue access guides		20,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Implement staff suggestion scheme		1,000	
Total new development for an ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area				83,000	-
TOTAL NEW DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE (REVENUE)				866,000	43,000
RECURRING REVENUE COST OF CAPITAL SCHEMES					
2015/16 package	revenue	Revenue cost of capital schemes - CCTV			
2015/16 package	revenue	Revenue cost of capital schemes - Market St (North End @ £1.0m)			
2015/16 package	revenue	Revenue cost of capital schemes - £1.000m CBC contribution to YZ			
2015/16 package	revenue	Revenue cost of capital schemes - £0.300m purchase of YZ site			
2015/16 package	revenue	Revenue cost of capital schemes - Buckshaw Village Community Centre			
2015/16 package	revenue	Revenue cost of capital schemes - Land Assembly Fleet Street			
2015/16 package	revenue	Recycling Lives - Depot split			
2015/16 package	revenue	Yarrow Valley Car Park			
TOTAL REVENUE COSTS OF CAPITAL SCHEMES				-	-
GENERAL RESERVE AND UNITARY REFERENDUM					
2015/16 package	revenue	Increase General Balances		291,000	
2015/16 package	revenue	Reserve balance for Unitary Work - Referendum		-	
TOTAL RESERVES AND BALANCES				291,000	-
Sub-Total 2015/16 Package - New Revenue				1,157,000	43,000
Total 2015/16 Package - New Revenue				1,200,000	

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APPENDIX 2

Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18

	2014/15 Current Forecast	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2015/16 to 2017/18
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<i>Regeneration Programme</i>					
Market Street Redevelopment	1,000	0	0	0	0
Other Regeneration Projects	182	118	0	0	118
Car Park Resurfacing	411	0	0	0	0
Market Street Refurbishment (98-102)	55	0	0	0	0
Asset Improvement Programme	115	196	200	200	596
Chorley East Health Centre	0	1,759	3,518	1,759	7,036
HR Management System	0	0	0	0	0
Chorley Market Gazebos	0	0	0	0	0
Electoral Registration	12	0	0	0	0
Bengal Street Grant	0	40	0	0	40
Total Chief Executives	1,775	2,113	3,718	1,959	7,790
<i>Affordable Housing Projects</i>					
St George's Street	272	0	0	0	0
Halliwell Street	77	0	0	0	0
Beaconsfield Terrace	27	0	0	0	0
Chapel Lane	9	0	0	0	0
Housing Renewal	100	0	0	0	0
Disabled Facilities Grant	405	420	0	0	420
Cotswold House Improvements	678	31	0	0	31
Bengal Street Depot Accommodation	0	75	0	0	75
Land Assembly	0	250	0	0	250
Home Energy Repair Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Climate Change Pot	7	0	0	0	0
IT projects	22	0	0	0	0
Total Customer and Advice Services	1,597	776	0	0	776
Astley Hall & Park Development (carried forward)	505	575	0	0	575
Adlington Play Facilities (s106)	215	0	0	0	0
Big Wood Reservoir	12	0	0	0	0
Clayton Brook Village Hall Extension	3	127	0	0	127
Eaves Green Play Development (s106)	180	0	0	0	0
Leisure Centres Improvements	3	275	75	75	425
Leisure Centres Improvements	14	0	0	0	0
Play & Recreation Fund (s106) [BUTTERMERE]	34	0	0	0	0
Play Areas - 2013/14 Investment (Years 2 and 3)	0	200	0	0	200
Play Area and Playing Pitch S106	188	0	0	0	0
Rangleys Recreation Ground (s106)	635	0	0	0	0
Recycling receptacles (bin replacement)	195	75	115	115	305
Buckshaw Village Cycle Network (s106)	11	0	0	0	0
Buckshaw Village Rail Station (s106)	0	726	0	0	726
Eaves Green Link Road - contbn to LCC - (s106)	0	0	0	0	0
Highway Improvements Pilling Lane Area (s106)	0	0	0	0	0
Puffin Crossing Collingwood Letchworth (s106)	0	48	0	0	48
Yarrow Valley Country Park Reservoir Work	2	0	0	0	0
Croston Flood Prevention Scheme	0	1,100	0	0	1,100
Delivery of CCTV provision	0	84	83	83	250
Buckshaw Community Centre	0	600	0	0	600
Recycling Lives - Depot split	0	0	0	0	0
Yarrow Valley Car Park	0	0	0	0	0
Deliver Improvement to Market Street	0	0	0	0	0
Contribution to Youth Zone	0	0	0	0	0
Recreational Strategy	0	170	0	0	170
Total Public Protection, Streetscene and Community	1,997	3,980	273	273	4,526
Total Capital Programme	5,368	6,869	3,991	2,232	13,092

CAPITAL FINANCING	TOTAL
	£'000
NHB to 2020/21	2,438
Capital Receipts	649
Revenue Contributions to Capital	0
External Contributions	1,374
Government Grants	495
<i>Prudential Borrowing</i>	
Chorley East Health Centre	7,036
Other	1,100
Sub Total Capital Programme - Proposed New Investments 2015/16	13,092

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Conservative Opposition Budget Proposals
Analysis of Budget Variations 2015/16 - 2017/18

APPENDIX 3

	2014/15 ESTIMATE £'000	2015/16 ESTIMATE £'000	2016/17 ESTIMATE £'000	2017/18 ESTIMATE £'000
CASH BASE BUDGET REQUIREMENT	14,303	14,252	13,375	14,101
Cash Movements:				
Transfers between Directorates				
Other Virements (Transfer below the line)	38			
Inflation				
Pay	86	110	254	82
Pensions	67	21	17	9
Pensions Rate Adj.	33	116	117	125
Non-Pay	(32)	(83)	18	18
Contractual	221	155	193	212
Income	70	55	35	31
Increments	41	44	26	9
Volume Expenditure	176	(67)	12	(112)
Volume Income	(16)	126	59	50
Savings Identified 2011/12	(2)	0	0	0
Growth Items 2012/13 & 2013/14	(65)	0	0	0
Growth Items 2013/14 to 2015/16	0	0	(235)	0
One-Off Non-Recurrent Growth 2013/14	(994)	0	0	0
Car Parking Tariffs	100	0	0	0
Mainstreaming of 3 Posts	80	0	0	0
Mainstream Growth Items 2014/15	30	0	0	0
New Revenue Investment 2014/15	630	(485)	(145)	0
New Capital Investment 2014/15	424	(206)	(218)	0
Market Walk - Net Income/Equalisation Account	(442)	(500)	500	0
Base Budget Review Savings 2014/15	(94)	42	0	0
Transformation Strategy Savings 2014/15	(402)	(162)	0	0
Recurrent Budget Growth 2015/16	0	0	95	0
Base Budget Review Savings 2015/16	0	(45)	0	0
DIRECTORATE CASH BUDGETS	14,252	13,375	14,101	14,527
Contingency:				
- Management of the Establishment	(130)	(150)	(150)	(150)
Directorate & Corporate Budgets	14,122	13,225	13,951	14,377
Net Financing Transactions:				
- Net Interest/Premiums/Discounts	16	(17)	6	6
- Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP - capital financing)	341	384	323	337
sub total	357	367	329	343
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,479	13,591	14,280	14,720
Financed By:				
Council Tax - Borough	(5,898)	(6,121)	(6,152)	(6,183)
Potential Grant for freezing Council Tax in 2014/15	(66)	0	0	0
Potential Grant for freezing Council Tax in 2015/16	0	(65)	0	0
Parish Precepts	565	565	565	565
Council Tax Parishes	(565)	(565)	(565)	(565)
Revenue Support Grant	(2,999)	(2,132)	(1,782)	(1,432)
Base Line Funding Level	(2,531)	(2,670)	(2,670)	(2,670)
Estimated BRR growth		(132)	(132)	(132)
Government Section 31 Grants	(753)	(753)	(753)	(753)
Business Rates Retention Equalisation Reserve	503	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus 2011/12 & 2012/13	(1,044)	(1,044)	(1,044)	(1,044)
Use of NHB for Growth Items 2013/14 to 2015/16	(235)	(235)	0	0
Use of New Homes Bonus for PCSO's	(297)	(297)	(297)	(297)
Use of NHB for New Investment 2014/15	(1,054)	(363)	0	0
Use of NHB for New Investment 2015/16 - General Reserve	0	(291)		
New Burdens Grant	(16)	0	0	0
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	(36)	131	184	184
Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(53)	(62)	(24)	110
Transfer to/(from) General Balances (NHB £0.301m)	0	348	0	0
TOTAL FINANCING	(14,479)	(13,687)	(12,670)	(12,217)
Net Expenditure	0	(95)	1,610	2,503

Conservative Opposition Budget Proposals
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	2014/15 ESTIMATE £'000	2015/16 ESTIMATE £'000	2016/17 ESTIMATE £'000	2017/18 ESTIMATE £'000
Analysis of Net Expenditure (Budget Gap):-				
Net Expenditure in Year	0	(95)	1,705	893
Recurrent Budget Growth 2015/16:-				
Sports Development in Schools - self financing		0		
Additional Resources at Astley Hall and Park - self financing		0		
Running costs of the Youth Zone		50		
Dedicated Team for Tackling Dog Fouling		45		
Net Expenditure	0	(0)	1,610	2,503

New Homes Bonus 2011/12	(302)	(302)	(302)	-
New Homes Bonus 2012/13	(742)	(742)	(742)	(742)
New Homes Bonus 2013/14	(739)	(739)	(739)	(739)
New Homes Bonus 2014/15	(847)	(847)	(847)	(847)
New Homes Bonus 2015/16	-	(749)	(749)	(749)
New Homes Bonus 2016/17	-	-	(650)	(650)
New Homes Bonus 2017/18	-	-	-	(600)
Total New Homes Bonus	(2,630)	(3,379)	(4,029)	(4,327)
Use of New Homes Bonus in Base Budget	1,044	1,044	1,044	1,044
New Homes Bonus Receivable	(1,586)	(2,335)	(2,985)	(3,283)
Use of NHB for Growth Items 2013/14 to 2015/16	235	235	-	-
Use of New Homes Bonus for PCSO's	297	297	297	297
Use of NHB for 2014/15 Growth Items in Year 1	1,054	-	-	-
Use of NHB for 2014/15 Growth Items in Year 2 - Revenue	-	145	-	-
Use of NHB for 2014/15 Growth Items in Year 2 - Capital	-	218	-	-
Use of NHB for 2015/16 Growth Items - Revenue	-	909	-	-
Use of NHB for 2015/16 Growth Items - Capital Contribution	-	240	400	400
Transfer to General Reserve	-	291	-	-
Set aside for proposed Unitary Status Local Poll	-	-	-	-
New Homes Bonus Available Balance	-	-	(2,288)	(2,586)

Key Assumptions	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Increase in Council Tax	0%	0%	0%	0%
Growth in Council Tax Base	0%	3.8%	0.5%	0.5%
Grant for freezing Council Tax in 2014/15 and 2015/16	£66k	£131k	£0k	£0k
Reduction in Government Grant Settlement (AEF)	£878k	£883k	£350k	£350k
Profiled Reduction in Grant Settlement	-13.5%	-15.5%	-7.3%	-7.9%
New Homes Bonus receipts 2011/12 & 2012/13	£1,044k	£1,044k	£1,044k	£742k
New Homes Bonus estimated receipts from 2013/14	£1,586k	£2,336k	£2,986k	£3,586k
Net Financing of Market Walk	£1,011k	£760k	£690k	£660k
Future Service Pension Rate	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%
Pension Fund deficit recovery	£710k	£832k	£956k	£1,076k
Supporting People Income from LCC	£156k	£147k	£138k	£130k
Pay Award	0%	2.2%	1%	1%

APPENDIX 4

Total Resources available to Council

	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000
TOTAL FINANCING	(14,479)	(13,687)	(12,670)	(12,217)
<u>Additional NHB Resources</u>				
2015/16 Investment - Revenue		(909)		
2015/16 Investment - Capital		(240)	(400)	(400)
Transfer to General Reserve		(291)		
2016/17 NHB			(2,288)	
2017/18 NHB				(2,586)
TOTAL RESOURCES	(14,479)	(15,127)	(15,358)	(15,203)

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