

**Sunderland City Council Budget 2019/20**  
**Liberal Democrat Group Amendment**

**Amendment – Revenue Budget**

<b>Additional Savings Proposals</b>	<b>£</b>
One-off use of reserves in 2019/20, with an on-going saving from 2020/21 arising from a move to four-yearly all-up elections	-250,000
Review of Governance services: reduction of area committees budget by £100,000 and reducing number of area committees to three committees, coterminous with parliamentary constituencies	-100,000
Review and reduction of special responsibility allowances to save £250,000	-250,000
Roles of mayor and deputy mayor to be replaced by unpaid elected chairperson and deputy chairperson and allowances removed	-23,000
Reduce Councillor's expenses, food and drink provision, subsistence allowance and no longer provide meals at Council meetings	-36,000
Introduce a workplace parking levy for Elected Members	-15,000
Review of planning committees: reduction of current system to a single overarching planning committee, and commensurate reduction in special responsibility allowances	-19,000
Removal of Area Committee People and Place Boards and commensurate reduction in special responsibility allowances	-63,000
Cease purchasing space for Council articles in 'Vibe' magazine	-9,000
<b>Total Additional Savings</b>	<b>-765,000</b>

**Priority investments**

Reinstate disabled student travel support	60,000
(Re)instate a means-tested pest control service (i.e. free to those on pensions, benefits, unemployed and low-waged households)	58,000
(Re)instate a means-tested bulky item collection service (i.e. free to those on pensions, benefits, unemployed and low-waged households)	170,000

Increase funding to Library and Museum service (staffing of museum and library)	27,000
Increase funding for parking wardens	24,000
Reinstate voluntary community sector contracts support for agencies supporting disabled and young people	293,000
Introduction of a self-financing dog warden service, self-financing from 2020/21	24,000
Freeze brown bin charge	75,000
Limit allotment rent rises to inflation only	34,000
<b>Total Priority Investments</b>	<b>765,000</b>
<b>Grand Total of all proposals and impact on net budget for Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>0</b>