

**Sunderland City Council Budget 2020/21  
Liberal Democrat Group Amendment**

**Amendment – Revenue Budget**

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<b>Additional Savings Proposals</b>	
Reduction of area committees' budgets.	<b>-100,000</b>
Reducing number of area committees to three committees, coterminous with parliamentary constituencies (Saving on SRAs after current plans to reduce from 10 to 5 Vice Chairs. Saving of 2 Chairs and 2 Vice Chairs. Will also mean a reduction in the number of new Neighbourhood Boards as only 3 Vice Chairs to Chair them)	<b>-30,000</b>
Review and reduction of special responsibility allowances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove Deputy Cabinet Members</li> <li>• Remove Vice Chair Scrutiny Coordinating Committee</li> <li>• Reduce some SRA's by 15%</li> <li>• Reduce Basic Allowance by 5%</li> </ul>	<b>-131,000</b>
Roles of Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be replaced by unpaid elected chairperson and deputy chairperson and allowances removed	<b>-23,000</b>
Reduce Councillor's expenses, food and drink provision, subsistence allowance and broadband and home phone allowances	<b>-35,000</b>
Introduce a workplace parking levy for Elected Members	<b>-15,000</b>
Review of planning committees: reduction of current system to a single overarching planning committee, and commensurate reduction in special responsibility allowances (NB After current plans to reduce from 4 to 2)	<b>-7,000</b>
Reduce Corporate Communications budget by 25%	<b>-270,000</b>
Remove budget for carbon reduction	<b>-1,000,000</b>
Transfer from General Reserve	<b>-100,000</b>
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL SAVINGS</b>	<b>-1,711,000</b>

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<b>Priority Investments</b>	
Reduce Council Tax rise to 2.99%	<b>1,007,000</b>
Increased funding for disabled student travel support	<b>60,000</b>
Introduce a means-tested pest control service (i.e. free to those on pensions, benefits, unemployed and low-waged households)	<b>61,000</b>
Introduce a means-tested bulky item collection service (i.e. free to those on pensions, benefits, unemployed and low-waged households)	<b>85,000</b>
Introduce a discretionary fund to allow for the increasing of lighting levels or installation of additional lighting for partially sighted residents as part of Health & Social Care budget	<b>8,000</b>
Funding to reinstate the number 18 bus service in Hastings Hill with 3 services per day <i>(note this is a part year impact)</i>	<b>75,000</b>
Expand the Free After 3pm parking scheme to Monday to Friday	<b>100,000</b>
Introduce single free annual visitor parking permit in permit parking zones for carless households.	<b>50,000</b>
Reverse the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Brown Bin charge increase	<b>100,000</b>
Introduce scheme to allow autorenewal of Brown Bin service	<b>0</b>
Introduce scheme to allow autorenewal of Parking Permits	<b>0</b>
Reinstate voluntary community sector contracts support for agencies supporting disabled and young people	<b>165,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIORITY INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>1,711,000</b>
<b>NET IMPACT FOR COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>0</b>