

Sunderland City Council Budget 2022/23
Liberal Democrat Group Amendments

Amendment 1 – Revenue Budget

2022/23 Revenue Budget Savings Proposals	£
Reduction of support costs for Area Committees linked to the reduction in the number of Area Committees from 5 to 3, as outlined in proposal number 2	-100,000
Reducing number of Area Committees to three committees, coterminous with parliamentary constituencies (giving a 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)	-33,254
Review and reduction of basic and special responsibility allowances (SRAs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove Deputy Cabinet Members • Remove Vice Chair Scrutiny Coordinating Committee • Reduction in SRAs of all other roles 15% • Reduce Basic Allowance by 5% • Roles of Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be replaced by unpaid elected Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and allowances removed • Reduce Councillors' expenses, food and drink provision, subsistence allowance and broadband and home phone allowances 	-235,114
Reduce Corporate Communications budget	-384,620
Remove budget for carbon reduction	-1,000,000
Reduce spending on existing tobacco control and alcohol denormalization programmes and refocus Council's spending towards an assistance programme to be made available free of charge to city residents and small and medium-sized enterprises in City Council area. Scheme must provide for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free counselling sessions • Life event support • Addiction support • Quitting and reduction advice • Healthy lifestyle support 	0
TOTAL	-1,752,988

2022/23 Revenue Budget Priority Investments	£
Reduce Council Tax rise by 1%	1,113,000
Reverse the planned increase in allotment rent charges for 2022/23	2,500
Increased funding for disabled education support (Travel or IT)	100,000
Introduce a single free bulky item collection service for those in receipt of council tax support	160,000
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	8,000
Introduce single free annual visitor parking permit in permit parking zones for carless households	50,000
Reverse the 2022/23 Brown Bin charge increase	15,000
Introduce scheme to allow autorenewal of Resident Parking Permits	0
Introduce scheme to allow autorenewal of Brown Bin service	0
Reinstate voluntary community sector contracts support for agencies supporting disabled and young people	65,000
Following the Environmental Services Staffing Review, allocate a further £157,660 for 5 additional officers (dog wardens)	157,660
Museum and Winter Gardens - increase budget for community arts participation.	81,828
TOTAL	1,752,988

Amendment 2 – Capital Budget

2022/23 Capital Budget Savings Proposals	£
CP0495 - Strategic Acquisitions and Developments – reallocation of £10,660,000 from this budget	- 10,660,000
TOTAL	10,660,000

2022/23 Capital Budget Priority Investments	£
<p>Establish a working group to put together a 5-year Leisure Investment Strategy for Sunderland and Washington, with a budget to make improvements to public leisure space including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing an annual fund for maintenance and improvement of smaller suburban parks (£200,000 per year for 5 years) • Enhancing the existing Cycle Way investment scheme – including breaking ground on a keynote route linking the Riverside development with a Hylton Road cycleway to Pennywell Industrial Estate • Establishing a programme of creating dog parks at sites in Sunderland, Houghton, and Washington • Acquiring and/or developing a city centre skatepark and investigating providing further skatepark facilities at sites around the City Council area • Feasibility study for the acquisition and/or development of a motocross track • Budget for strategic working group (£30,000) 	10,000,000
Establishment of a working group and feasibility study to be carried out on derelict and problem garages in residential areas	30,000
Feasibility study into acquisition of a public park in the Ford/Pennywell area	30,000
Installation of a pedestrian crossing at Hastings Hill	500,000
Purchase of additional refuse vehicle to support free bulky item collection service	100,000
TOTAL reallocated from CP0495 - Strategic Acquisitions and Developments	10,660,000