

Sunderland City Council Budget 2018/19

Liberal Democrat Group Amendments

Amendment 1 – Revenue Budget

Additional Savings Proposals	£
Bring forward the full savings from the two-year Review of Legal Services in 2018/19	-85,000
Bring forward the savings from the two-year Review of HR&OD in 2018/19	-50,000
Bring forward the full savings from the two-year Review of Registrars staffing and fees in 2018/19	-50,000
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 of Governance Services to include movement to an email plus 'print on demand for collection' model for delivering documents to members	-10,000
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
Total Additional Savings	-869,000

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)	50,000
(Re)instate a means-tested bulky item collection service (i.e. free to those on pensions, benefits, unemployed and low-waged households)	146,000
Increase funding to Library and Museum service (staffing of museum and library) removed in last year's budget	53,000
Reinstate voluntary community sector contracts support for agencies supporting disabled and young people	560,000

Three extra staff to work on bringing empty homes back into use, with a target of 65 properties a year over 3 years. To be funded from additional new homes bonus.	0
Total Priority Investments	869,000

Grand Total of all proposals and impact on net budget for Council Tax Requirement	0
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Amendment 2 – Capital Budget:

Additional Savings Proposals	£
Cancel Software Centre Carpark improvements	-365,000
Cancel Port improvement projects	-3,376,000
Reduce Tall Ships infrastructure funding	-500,000
Reduce Council contribution to 'increasing access to heritage' project	-500,000
Reduce 'Crowtree public realm' budget	-1,750,000
Total Additional Savings	6,491,000
Priority Investments	
Investment in Housing Services budget to tackle empty housing	2,000,000
Establish an additional discretionary road resurfacing fund	2,000,000
Develop a new public library and city community hub at the Crowtree site	2,491,000
Total Priority Investments	6,491,000