

Agenda Item No: 9

Meeting of the Council

19 February 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET

General Fund Budget 2018/19

Details of proposed amendments received from Councillor Osborne:

Budget 2018/2019 Amendments:

1. I MOVE THAT up to £2.2m be allocated from the “acquisition of Land and property” Capital Programme (£4m) in order to fund a scheme to provide new temporary accommodation in Lewes district. The Accommodation would comprise quality modular buildings and sited on Council land.

The feasibility study carried out by QED following last year’s budget amendment showed a new development of temporary accommodation is viable. The scheme would be delivered by the one of the Council’s subsidiaries or direct by the council and would be self – financing.

(A summary of the QED report to be circulated separately)

2. I MOVE THAT up to £10,000 be allocated from Reserves to install 10 on street recycling bins in the principal urban areas of the District and to run a campaign to support more recycling.

This would encourage recycling the most populated areas and be situated where there are existing refuse bins.

3. I MOVE THAT up to £10,000 be allocated from Reserves to do a feasibility study into the Council operating a trade waste recycle option for small businesses.

This could lead to the Council making a unique and commercially viable service to small businesses.

4. I MOVE THAT up to £50,000 be allocated from Reserves to create an environmental initiatives fund. The fund would be utilised to do feasibility and develop a new Lewes standard for environmental sustainability.

This would enable the Council to move towards a higher standard than the statutory requirements for planning and building control by creating an evidence base for enhanced sustainability in the local planning process. This could be included on new development, over and above that required by Building Regs. As such this could scope all development, retail, resi, leisure etc. These could include insulation, renewable energy and green corridors.

This evidence base would inform the next round of plan making, in the Lewes Local Plan Review, which is timetabled to commence in 2020.

5. I MOVE THAT up to £10,000 be set aside from reserves to fund events to mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act 1918.

The events would support the promotion of equality and diversity in our society.