

BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT – AGENDA ITEM 4

That after Recommendation 1A a new Recommendation 1D, 1E and 1F shall be added and the following Recommendations be renumbered accordingly:

“D. To amend the Council’s General Fund Budget by:

- Providing additional funding of £23,000 to Merton Music Foundation to replace the money lost from the Dedicated Schools Grant;
- Providing £9,000 funding per annum to allow Merton Little Leagues to continue to use council parks free of charge;
- Increasing the revenue budget for capital purposes for Tree Planting by £20,000 to provide 350 trees over 2 years to be planted near schools to combat poor air quality; these charges to be paid for by;
- Reducing the publications of My Merton to 2 times per year, saving £22,000;
- Remove the free Christmas parking provision in Wimbledon Town Centre saving £25,000.
- Reducing the contingency in 2019/20 by £5,000 (see revised Appendix 1 Draft Resolutions)

E. Remove from the 2019/20 Budget and the Medium Term Financial Strategy the increased income in 2019/20 and 2020/21 of £3.8 million in total arising from Ref: ENV1819-03 increase in Parking Charges, pending public consultation and a review of the equality impact assessment as amended and set out in Appendix 1 and 7 (revised).

F. That the quarterly Monitoring Report to Cabinet include detail and explanation of movements in the Significant Balances eg the Outstanding Council Programme Board Reserve and the ‘For Use in Future Years Budget’.

After renumbered Recommendation G to add: as amended by the addition of a budget for Tree Planting of £100k in 2019/20 and 2020/21, funded by revenue resources;”

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