LIBERAL DEMOCRAT BUDGET AMENDMENT ONE

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Action on Crime

The Council's budget consultation showed that crime was the biggest concern among local residents. The Labour budget proposes cuts to anti-crime initiatives such as funding for police overtime used to tackle high priority targets and local crime fighting projects. The Labour budget cuts funding for Metropolitan Police cover in Haringey's parks and volunteers for British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. Overall these come to £400,000.

Liberal Democrats consider action on crime to be a priority and therefore propose reversing Labour's cuts to the front-line community safety budget. Liberal Democrats would use £40,000 of this budget to maintain the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator post in Haringey.

We propose that the balance of the investment should be spent priorities set by area committees in partnership with the local Police.

Revenue cost:
£400,000

To fund this action on crime we would challenge officers to deliver a further 4% saving on management costs in a full year. The annual cost of senior managers, on salaries over £50,000, is more than £20million per year. This proposal would save £800,000 in a full year, £400,000 in a part year

Management revenue saving
£400,000