LIBERAL DEMOCRAT BUDGET AMENDMENT THREE

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Action on the local economy and jobs

Long-term unemployment remains a major problem in Haringey. Labour is cutting £700,000 of funding from projects to tackle worklessness. Liberal Democrats believe that the Council should be committed to helping residents back into work. We would therefore invest £350,000 for job creation projects.

Job creation cost £350,000

Liberal Democrats believe that the Council should fund the creation of real jobs for residents by removing the notional cost of vacant posts in its own hierarchy. At the end of the year there were 640 of these posts in the Council. We propose deleting the budget for 20 to make further staffing savings in non-front line services.

Vacant post revenue saving
£675,000

Credit card fees cost the Council £100,000 a year. We propose that these costs should be covered by the card users when purchasing services.

Credit Card revenue saving
£100,000

Labour are going to increase the cost of parking for shoppers in our local high streets by 115%. This threatens the viability of local businesses and the jobs they provide. Liberal Democrats would use the balance of money saved from deleting vacant posts and charging for credit card use to reduce Labour's increase in parking income.

Parking charges revenue cost
£425,000