

Liberal Democrat amendments to the Budget 2015-18

<b>Amendment 1 – General Fund Revenue Account Proposed by Cllr Elliot , Seconded by Cllr Engert</b>	<b>2015-16 £000's</b>	<b>2016-17 £000's</b>	<b>2017-18 £000's</b>	<b>Total £000's</b>
<p><b>Returning weekly collections to the borough's streets</b> Returning weekly rubbish collections to streets identified in the waste collection scrutiny report as needing them: Milton Ave N6, Milton Rd N6, Northwood Rd N6, Milton Park N6, Eldon Rd N22, Lyndhurst Rd N22, Spigurnell Rd N17, Cissbury Rd N15. And adding Queens Avenue N10.</p> <p>The cost of weekly collection on these streets has been costed by officers at £21,000 per year.</p>	21	0	0	21
<p><b>Green lighting</b> The current budget assumes 46 years before all street lights in the borough will be low energy LED lights. Investing more would enable the council to replace all lights with low energy ones in 13 years, providing an annual saving in power costs of £169,000 (plus maintenance savings, not budgeted for here). This would also enhance the local environment and make substantial carbon savings.</p>	141	96	93	330
<p><b>Supporting local town centres</b> Funding for 2 town centre managers one in the east and one in the west of the borough to support local traders and promote local town centres. The council would seek match funding from local traders to employ more town centre managers. A town centre manager post is estimated by officers to cost £55,000 each year.</p>	110	0	0	110
<p><b>Funded by:</b></p> <p><b>Reduced dependency on agency staff:</b> 2013/14 spend by the council on Hays agency staff costs was £13.935m. A 3% reduction (excluding social workers and frontline staff) would save £418,000.</p>	-418	0	0	-418
<p><b>Reduced Minimum Revenue Provision.</b> The proposed reduction in capital spend set out in Amendment 6 would result in a saving to revenue.</p>	-43			-43
<b>Surplus (-)/Deficit</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>Amendment 2 – General Fund Revenue Account Proposed by Cllr Elliot , Seconded by Cllr Engert</b>	<b>2015-16 £000's</b>	<b>2016-17 £000's</b>	<b>2017-18 £000's</b>	<b>Total £000's</b>
<b>Reduce the Administration's proposed cut to funding for early years ( including children's centres)</b>				
Halve the administration's proposed cut to the early years budget, asking children's centres etc to only save £0.731m and not £1.44m as proposed in the Labour budget.	220	489	0	709
<b>Funded by:</b>				
<b>Cut spending on communications and marketing:</b> The Communications budget for 2015-16 is £1.226m, reducing it by half would therefore save £0.613m.	-124	-489	0	-613
<b>Stop producing Haringey People:</b> This would save £96,000 per year as the budgeted cost of producing Haringey People is £96,000 for 6 issues at £16,000 per issue.	-96	0	0	-96
<b>Surplus (-)/Deficit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Amendment 3 – Extra funding for youth work. Proposed by Cllr Elliot , Seconded by Cllr Engert	2015-16 £000's	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's	Total £000's
<p><b>Renegotiate with unions so that Haringey provides similar levels of facilities time in schools compared with other similar boroughs.</b></p> <p>Savings from TU facilitators time to be used to increase number of practitioners (i.e. frontline staff working in youth services) working with young people by 1.7 Full Time Equivalent. This has been costed by officers at £41,200 per staff member and £70,000 for 1.7 Full Time Equivalent.</p> <p><b>Funded by:</b></p> <p>Reducing the council part of the budget for TU Facilitators as the administration has done in previous years (Last year the council spent £285,000 on TU facilities time). This would not affect TU facilities time funded by the delegated schools budget.</p> <p>There is no statutory minimum provision for this but union employees have a statutory right to reasonable paid and unpaid time off to carry out specified union duties which this proposal would continue to provide.</p>	53	17	0	70
<p><b>Surplus (-)/Deficit</b></p>	0	0	0	0

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<b>Amendment 4 – General Fund Revenue Account</b> Proposed by Cllr Elliot, <b>Seconded by Cllr Engert</b>	<b>2015-16</b> <b>£000's</b>	<b>2016-17</b> <b>£000's</b>	<b>2017-18</b> <b>£000's</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>£000's</b>
<p><b>Keep The Haven Centre open</b>                      Not closing the Haven Centre would require annual funding of £320,000 according to costings provided by officers. The Liberal Democrats believe the centre should remain open as it provides an excellent service to some of the most vulnerable people in the borough.</p> <p><i>Funded by:</i>  <b>Reducing salaries for the top 22 most senior managers by 10%</b> - The Senior Management team salaries have been costed at £3.3m for 22 posts by officers. Reducing these salaries by around 10% would enable the Haven Centre to stay open.</p>	<p>320</p> <p>-320</p>	<p>0</p> <p>0</p>	<p>0</p> <p>0</p>	<p>320</p> <p>-320</p>
<p><b>Surplus (-)/Deficit</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>

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Amendment 5 – Capital Reserves : One Borough One Future Fund Proposed by Cllr Elliot , Seconded by Cllr Engert	2015-16 £000's	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's	Total £000's
<p><b>Local small and medium business support fund</b></p> <p>Introducing a small and medium business support fund for local businesses. We believe that more can be done to support local business and residents who want to start new enterprises. This would help grow the local economy and support new and existing business and increase opportunities for employment. The business fund would be used to provide support such as drafting of business plans to help business apply for loans. It would also provide training for local businesses on growing their business, branding, advertising etc. (This fund would be limited to a total of £500,000 there is £750,000 in the One Borough One Future Reserve that has not been allocated)</p> <p><b>Building more homes across the borough</b></p> <p>Expand the scoping exercise the council is already undertaking to set up a development company to build homes (Some funding has already been allocated in the budget for this). Currently the council is focusing on build homes in Wood Green and Tottenham via this company. We think this should be expanded to cover the whole borough and provide more homes. Officers estimate this would cost £100,000.</p> <p><b>Funded by:</b></p> <p>This will be funded from the £750,000 in the One Borough One Future Reserve that has not been allocated. There will be £150,000 left in the One Borough One Future Reserve.</p>	500	-500	0	500
	100	-100	0	100
	-600	0	0	-600
<b>Surplus (-)/Deficit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>Amendment 6 – Capital Account</b> <b>Proposed by Cllr Elliot , Seconded by Cllr Engert</b>	<b>2015-16</b> <b>£000's</b>	<b>2016-17</b> <b>£000's</b>	<b>2017-18</b> <b>£000's</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>£000's</b>
<p><b>A safe crossing for every school</b></p> <p>The council has provided Cllr Liz Morris with information that shows as many as 40 schools in the borough do not have a pedestrian crossing within 80m. We believe every child should have a safe crossing to school. Officers estimate that £1.3m would pay for every school that does not currently have a crossing nearby to have one installed. This fund would allow schools and parents who believe they need a new school crossing at thier school to put in a bid for a new crossing.</p> <p><b>Muswell Hill Library</b></p> <p>Officers estimate that installing a lift at Muswell Hill Library will cost £100,000. This would make the library more useable for residents and would mean it would not be necessary to relocate the library as the administration plans to do.</p> <p><b>Bedford Road crossing</b></p> <p>Local Lib Dem councillors and residents have asked for a safe crossing on Bedford Road in Alexandra. Officers estimates that this will cost £25,000.</p> <p><b>Funded by:</b></p> <p><b>Saving Marcus Garvey Library and providing more accessible customer services:</b></p> <p>The administration's budget sets out plans to spend £5m on placing customer service and housing staff in various locations in Wood Green and Tottenham including Marcus Garvey Library. By placing the customer service centre and housing staff in one of the many council buildings in Wood Green officers estimate that £2m could be saved. This would also mean there is no loss of library space at Marcus Garvey Library. It would also place customer and housing services in the centre of the borough in Wood Green which has excellent transport links.</p>	<p>1,300</p> <p>100</p> <p>25</p> <p>-2,000</p>	<p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p>	<p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p>	<p>1,300</p> <p>100</p> <p>25</p> <p>-2,000</p>
<p><b>Surplus (-)/Deficit</b></p>	<p><b>-575</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p><b>-575</b></p>