

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING - 24 FEBRUARY 2015**

ITEM NO. 9 - BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2015/16

Labour Group Amendments

Proposer: Councillor De Lacy Second: Councillor Neilson

1. AMEND RECOMMENDATION 9 AS FOLLOWS:

To approve the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Budgets for 2015/16 subject to the following amendments:

- (a) That £50k be allocated to provide free swimming to local under 16 year olds. To be funded from part of the proposed new allocation to the Revenue Budget Contingency (page 30 para 2.11 refers)
- (b) That £20k be allocated to provide initial funding for the Council to move towards living wage accreditation. To be funded from the General Fund Reserve.
- (c) That £50k be allocated to a contingency to look into changes to car parking to assist town centres. To be funded from the General Fund Reserve.
- (d) That the £100k proposed allocation for the provision of free wifi be instead allocated to support for towns and villages to hold events which promote our town centres and high streets. This can include short-term parking relief.

COMMENTS OF THE S151 OFFICER

The Section 151 Officer, the Head of Finance, advises that, in view of the relatively small scale of these changes, if they are adopted the Revenue Estimates would remain robust and the General Fund Reserves would remain adequate. Section 3 of the Council report therefore would not be affected.

Should the amendments be accepted, the following eight changes would be made to the budget figures as set out in the report.

Recommendation 16.1 (page 15)

£60,294,940 becomes £60,364,940

Recommendation 16.2 (page 15)

£53,542,411 becomes £53,612,411

Table at 4.3 (page 18)

£58,664,600 becomes £58,734,600

£60,294,940 becomes £60,364,940

Table at 4.4 (page 19)

An additional line is inserted as follows:

Transfer from General Fund Reserve	£70,000
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£53,542,411 becomes £53,612,411

Table at 4.5 (page 19)

£60,294,940 becomes £60,364,940

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