

2023/24 Revenue Estimates and Council Tax

TABLED PAPER: Green Group Budget Amendment

This Council therefore amends as set out below the 2023/24 budget proposals.

	£'000s
Proposed reductions in expenditure/increase in income	
Increase charging for film production.	(73)
Review of discounts on visitor parking vouchers for the over 60s and blue badge holders. (increase discount for blue badge holders to 70%, reduce discount for over 60s who are not blue badge holders to 30%)	(75)
Review and reduction in Cabinet including reducing two Mayoral Advisor roles and a deputy mayor.	(100)
Sub-total of proposed reductions in expenditure/increase in income	(248)
Proposed increases in expenditure:	
Implementation of a creative arts grant programme for young people. (Approximately £8k of the expenditure would be on administration of the programme)	73
Create Biodiversity officer as a permanent role	59
Increase outreach work of the Money Hub by creation of an additional full time and part-time post.	91
Feasibility of a Work Place Parking Levy Undertake a feasibility study into the potential for a levy for employees who park in the borough at their place of work. The cost would be dependent on scope and would be undertaken only to establish feasibility of such a levy.	25
Sub-total of proposed increases in expenditure	248
TOTAL CHANGE IN BUDGET REQUIREMENT	0

As the reductions in spend equate to the additional investment there is no impact on the Council Tax of these proposed amendments.

A Green Administration would also undertake reviews in a wide range of budget areas including the following:

- Review EV permit charges with a view to increasing them to the total charge for an on-street cycle hangar to cover the total income from one hangar, i.e. 6 times the charge for a single bike.
- In conjunction with the above to review the charges for cycle hangars and arrangements to encourage more cycling and also review arrangements to secure more cycle parking spaces.
- Review of estate parking pricing with a view to accelerate transition to emission-based charging from the period set out in the recently approved Parking Enforcement Plan.
- Bring forward the timescale and consider financial implications of a borough-wide landlord licensing scheme including potential for discounts for energy efficient properties.
- Review of the operation of lettings for community halls with a view to streamlining processes, increasing bookings potentially enabling lower fees for community bookings.

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