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Dear Member

COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2015

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the Thursday, 12 February 2015 meeting of the Council, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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3. Revenue Budget 2015/2016 (Pages 1 - 5)

Amendments and Objections to the Revenue

Budget

Yours sincerely

Teresa Buckley Clerk Agenda Item 3, Revenue Budget 2015/16

Joint Conservative Group, Liberal Democrat Group and Non-Coalition Group Notice of Motion (1)

Received: 9 February 2015

Adjourned Council Meeting

(Amendments show in bold text)

12 February 2015

Amendment to budget – Road Safety:

(xviii) that due to the lateness of the announcement of the Local Government Finance Settlement, £19,700 of the additional £0.261m Revenue Support grant announced on 4 February 2015 be allocated back into the Revenue Budget for road safety and the remaining £241,300 be allocated to a contingency for social care.

Proposer: Councillor Excell

Seconder: Councillor Stocks

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Joint Liberal Democrat Group and Non-Coalition Group Notice of Motion (2)

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12 February 2015

Amendment to budget – Supporting People:

The supporting people budget saw massive cuts to support given to the elderly, Learning disabled, Homeless and substance dependent. At this time last year partners from both the health service and Police shared grave concerns about the impact of these cuts. We are concerned that there is a lack of a contingency fund if their predictions come true.

The Council therefore proposes the following amendment:

(xviii) that due to the lateness of the announcement of the Local Government Finance Settlement, £100,000 of the additional £0.261m Revenue Support grant announced on 4 February 2015 be allocated to a contingency fund to be used for impacts arising from the reduction in funding to the supporting people budget and the remaining £161,000 be allocated to a contingency for social care.

Proposer: Councillor Darling

Seconder: Councillor Stockman

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Joint Liberal Democrat Group and Non-Coalition Group Notice of Motion (3)

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Objection to budget – Future Budgets:

This Council objects to the Mayor's budget and is concerned that:

- (i) the Chief Finance Officer has had to issue a statement where he can only give a qualified opinion that the 2015/16 budget is robust and that:
- (ii) little or no progress has been made in respect of developing options for the Library Service, Connections Service and CCTV resulting in a sustainable financial future for these services; and
- (iii) to ensure the future sustainability of Torbay Council a Commission be established, led by Overview and Scrutiny, to include key partners and ensuring cross party representation. Such a Commission to consider, amongst other things:
 - Opportunities for local government reorganisation;
 - Merger with other public sector services;
 - Reduction in the number of Councillors to 24; and
 - Changing the current mayoral system of governance.

Proposer: Councillor Morey

Seconder: Councillor Doggett

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Conservative Group Notice of Motion (4)

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(Amendment shown in bold)
12 February 2015

Amendment to budget – Grants:

that the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, Executive Lead Member for Finance and appropriate officers, be authorised to determine the allocation and expenditure of any new grant monies, unallocated grants, underspends or other additional income that may be received during the year 2015/16 up to the value of £50,000. All sums above this amount to be agreed by the Council;

Proposer: Councillor Excell

Seconder: Councillor Tyerman

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Joint Labour and Non-Coalition Group Notice of Motion (5)

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12 February 2015

Objection to budget – Riviera International Conference Centre:

This Council objects to the continued high level of grants to the Riviera International Conference Centre (RICC).

Council recognises the work of the unpaid board of Directors in stemming costs and notes that the required subsidy has fallen.

However, the Council now recognises that the ongoing high subsidies in excess of £500,000 are not sustainable in view of even further cuts to come in the next financial year (£13.8m forecast by the Executive Director in 2016/17 alone).

Therefore the Council urges the Mayor to request that the Chief Executive of the Torbay Development Agency (TDA), in conjunction with the RICC Board and whoever the Chief Executive of the TDA feels appropriate, undertake a thorough appraisal of options for the future of the facility and present the findings by September 2015 to inform the next budget cycle.

Proposer: Councillor Cowell

Seconder: Councillor Morey