

Use of 2025/2026 Budget Underspend

Opposition Notice of Motion

Motion

The 2025/26 Budget outturn provides an opportunity to provide one off funding to address issues that would make a real difference for our residents as well as ensuring that the Council has the ability to meet known pressures in future years.

Following the termination of the s.75 agreement by TSDFT for the delivery of adult social care, it is known that there will be transitional financial pressures which will need to be met.

In respect of making a real difference for residents, the responses to the Budget Consultation for 2026/27 recorded that residents had concerns with persistent litter, overflowing bins, poor pavement conditions and overgrown vegetation.

Opposition members believe that the end of year underspend should be focussed on these two issues.

Council resolves:

1. That the end of year underspend of £174,000 be allocated as follows;
 - (i) £87,000 to be allocated to the Adult Social Care transition reserve,
 - (ii) £87,000 to be allocated to address resident concerns in respect of litter, overflowing bins, poor pavement conditions and overgrown vegetation in residential streets and secondary shopping areas.

Proposer: Councillor Cowell

Seconder: Councillor Long
