

LABOUR GROUP BUDGET ALTERATION 2022/23

Date of Budget Council Meeting: **Wednesday, 23 February 2022**

Proposed by: **Councillor Cooke**

Seconded by: **Councillor D Rooney**

The Motion proposed remains to adopt a revenue budget of £118,328,934, but to propose the following amendment:

Replacement of Paragraph 54 of the budget report as follows:

54. A budget of £495,000 per annum has been provided for investment in services provided to residents. It is proposed that this will be spent on delivering the following main priorities

- £160,000 per annum to create a tree maintenance squad in order to initially clear the backlog of works, and create an ongoing tree maintenance programme to reduce backlogs potentially re-occurring in the future
- £90,000 per annum to enable the Council to offer a subsidised Pest Control service to residents. This would include the recruitment of two additional pest control operatives
- £150,000 per annum towards expanding the current youth provision, targeting areas of the town where crime and anti-social behaviour are high

The remaining £95,000 per annum will initially be held centrally, and will be allocated to service directorates throughout 2022/23 as other priorities develop.

The amendment has been examined by the Council's Section 151 Officer and he has confirmed that should the amendment be approved, the Council would have a balanced and legally, implementable budget.