

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15, the following proposals for amendments to the budget have been received.

Proposed by: Councillor Mike Henderson:

(i) Amendment to 15/16 SBC budget

1. Reduce expenditure relating to retirement of director of regeneration by £20000.
2. Add £100000 to expected income from NNDR. At present proposal does not allow for strongly expected growth in 15/16.
3. Increase expenditure budget for IT by £50000.
4. Remove under cost pressures section £880 allowed for increase in electricity charge for Swale street lighting. Cost should go down, not up.
5. Propose an increase of £90000 for 15/16 in Planning income.
6. Propose an increase in tourism expenditure of £25000 to allow for a reasonable external marketing effort in 15/16.
7. Propose an additional £50000 for Economic Development expenditure budget to allow promotion of economic activity in Swale.
8. Propose an increase in staff budget of £50000 in Planning Enforcement to allow sufficient resource.

The total result of these changes will be reduction in expenditure combined with an increase in income of £210880 and an increase in expenditure of £175000. This provides an overall reduction in expenditure of £35880 while potentially improving service in several important areas of SBC activity.

Proposed by: Councillor Mike Henderson:

(ii) Amendment to 15/16 SBC budget

Propose that SBC does not agree to additional £6M borrowing nor agree to delegating authority to leader and finance director. This is related to Sittingbourne regeneration.