

UKIP Group Budget Amendments 2016/17

Appendix D (Revenue Budget Options)

Remove the following from the list of proposed savings:

Reference	Activity	Cost 2015/16	Comments
4	End support for Wednesday Club	6,000	Although attendance is currently low the Wednesday Club provides a useful service.
14	Reduce grant for carer's training	10,000	Carer's training is very important and can help keep people supported in the community for longer.
16	Benefits team – reduction in staffing	50,000	The increased times for processing benefits claims under this proposal is unacceptable. There are claimants who need very quick activation of their claim if they are not to become reliant on emergency relief elsewhere in the system. Lengthening the time taken for processing benefits is therefore shortsighted.
17	Contact Centre – reduction in staffing	50,000	The Contact Centre is the primary way in which most people contact the council. The very fact that most callers ask about something that is already on the website shows that moving towards a web based approach will not work. People need to be able to talk to the council and they should be able to do so promptly and efficiently.
26	Staff Savings – Democratic Services	20,000 (becomes a saving of 10,000 rather than 30,000 as proposed)	We have included this because we believe that this “saving” of £30,000 cannot reasonably be delivered. During the last three years of Council there have been repeated upheavals to the Committee system and structure. Some have reduced staffing requirements, others increased them. We can see no reason for such an optimistic projection now and feel a reduction of £10,000 more appropriate.
28	IW Festival – Halberry Lane traffic management scheme	15,000	It is clear that some mechanism should have been put in place to ensure the organisers paid for this traffic control scheme. For the future negotiations should be opened with the organisers and other interested local parties for them to shoulder this cost. For now the Council should continue to do so in order to prevent traffic chaos during the busiest time of the year.
Total		151,000	

Add in the following list of additional savings:

Reference	Activity	Saving 2015/16	Comments
50	Reduce funding to Stroke initiative	28,000	Originally this was a proposed saving of £58,000. Our version sees the reduction of the post from Full Time to Part Time so retaining some capacity.
56	Reduce (rather than cease) grant funding for youth offer contract	25,000	We want to keep this service however we feel that a saving can be made without impacting on delivery.
52	Supporting People	100,000	We recognize the vital importance of this work in reducing pressure further down the system but feel that a further small (compared to budget size) saving is appropriate. A saving of £100,000 reduces the budget from £2.5m to £2.4m.
Total		153,000	

Fees and Charges Appendix L

Wherever possible UKIP would like to see all Fees and Charges rounded to the nearest £1. Where this is impractical then the following table should be used:

Fees and Charges between	£0 and £20	rounded to either 25p, 50p, 75p or £1
	£20 and £50	rounded to either 50p or £1
	£50 and £100	rounded to £1
	Over £100	rounded to either £5 or £10

Doing this will simplify administration and eradicate some of the bizarre Fees and Charges we are levying. This rule would not apply to on street and car park Parking Charges but would apply to Parking Permits.