

**Meeting of the County Council  
Meeting to be held on 20 February 2014**

Amendment submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group

**Revenue Budget 2014/15  
Council Tax and Precept 2014/15  
Capital Investment Strategy 2014/15 and Beyond**

With the significant financial challenges facing the County, Council recognises that the priorities are:

- sustainable, environmentally friendly economic growth
- delivery of long term cost reductions
- continued support to vulnerable people

**Amendment to the budget:**

That the proposals of the Cabinet set out in the report to the County Council are supplemented as follows:

**1. *Management of Resources***

In addition to revisions to the Council's democratic structures, Cabinet is instructed to explore proposals for budget pooling with district Councils; and for the reshaping of the County Council to incorporate the ability for services to be shared with other responsible organisations by April 2015.

**2. *Reshaping of the Council***

Instructs the Chief Executive to produce a strategy for reshaping the Council's estate by undertaking specific measures to reduce carbon emissions and generate energy. Council commits to any new build capital projects being constructed to the highest possible standards of energy efficiency and instructs officers to bring forward all future design schemes in line with this policy position, both by April, 2016.

**3. *Growth Deal for Lancashire***

Council recognises the importance of economic growth across the County and commits to a deliverable "Growth Deal for Lancashire." Council resolves to investigate partnership working to pool resources to achieve such a "Deal". Council commits to the investment of non-maintenance transport capital resources from 2015/16 onwards to deliver Transport Master Plans to support economic growth.

**4. *Green Energy Industries Fund***

It further recognises the potential for Green Energy to act as a catalyst for economic growth and instructs officers to bring forward proposals for a "Green Energy Industries Fund" of £5m modelled on the Growing Places Fund by April 2016

**5. Supporting the Council's Role in Public Health**

Council recognises the increasing number of people with dementia living in the County and the lack of awareness of their needs amongst the general population. It encourages staff to become "dementia friends" under the initiative promoted by central government and instructs the Council's Management Team to facilitate relevant awareness sessions during work time, with immediate effect.

**6. Promoting Sustainable Bus Transport**

Council recognises the need for county wide sustainable transport planning to support the development of the County economy and to protect isolated vulnerable people. Council instructs Cabinet to continue working with bus companies and other stakeholders to develop a new model for the delivery of public transport services that allows cross-subsidy between profitable and non-profitable services, as contracts come up for renewal.

**7. Highways Management**

Council recognises that a significant step forward in directing highway maintenance resources to areas of need is the adoption of an Asset Management Plan. Cabinet is instructed to bring forward proposals for the formal introduction of this strategy at the earliest possible opportunity. Council further instructs officers to develop proposals for a matched funding approach with other stakeholders to address the problem of unadopted roads locking some communities into a cycle of deprivation by April 2015.

**8. Encouraging Voluntary sector Activity**

Given that Lancashire County Council commissioned services to the value of over £17.1m in 2013-14, Council recognises that a strong independent voluntary sector provides some resilience within communities to withstand the impact of local authority service reductions. Council officers are therefore instructed to investigate opportunities to create different arrangements for managing the County Council's charitable trust funds to create an "endowment for Lancashire" by April 2015.

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