

**Agenda Item 12(a)**  
**Revenue Budget 2016/17**

**Objection to Revenue Budget**  
**(Constitution Reference: Budget and Policy Framework Standing Order F2.9)**

**Adjourned Council Meeting**

**11 February 2016**

**Proposal:**

That the Council formally objects to the Mayor's revenue budget proposals on the basis that:

1. the deletion of the Social Fund from the baseline budget that will eventually end crisis support for those in desperate need in our community;
2. there is no clear strategy for how the reductions to the Connections offices will be applied which could result in impacting heavily on people in most need of Council services and support, and result in a second class service for residents in two of our three towns;
3. it is unclear from these proposals as to whether the Council have got the balance right between caring for those in need of social care in their homes and those in a residential setting, as the Council has yet to determine the priorities within the Annual Strategic Agreement;
4. cutting £331,000 from highways maintenance when there's a £19 million backlog of work in the Bay which is imprudent; and
5. finally we have grave concerns that Councillors are being expected to support this budget without considering this in the context of the Council determining the Efficiency Plan, which is urgently required to set out how the Council will achieve financial sustainability over the next 4 years and beyond.

In accordance with the Constitution at F2.9, the Council therefore requires the Mayor to consider this objection by 10 am on 19 February 2016 either:

- a) submit a revision of the estimates or amounts as amended by the elected Mayor with the reasons for any amendments made to the estimates or amounts, to the Council for its consideration; or
- b) inform the Council of any disagreement that the elected Mayor has with any of the Council's objections and the elected Mayor's reasons for any such disagreement.

Proposed by Councillor Stocks  
Seconded by Councillor Doggett