

Amendment to Budget

Cllr Ian McCord – Independent – Deanshanger Ward

This council notes that:

- the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee report on the budget identified £1.9m reduction in spending on roads maintenance.
- our residents consider roads maintenance to be a high priority, especially the repair of pot holes in roads and broken and uneven footpaths.
- the reason for this reduction is due to a number of one off funding streams not being renewed.

This council resolves to write to the government to :

- request that highways maintenance on a proper multi year funding and not rely on ad hoc funding that prevent councils from planning maintenance
- urgently agree a funding solution to the care crisis which is the root cause of the financial pressure for this and all councils with care responsibilities

This council resolves to amend the budget to restore the identified roads maintenance reduction by

- Reducing the contingency from £10m to £8m (noting that this is a higher level of contingency than was proposed at the draft budget in Dec 23)
- Restore the funding for Highways Maintenance by £2m
- Apply any one off funds for pot holes / highways maintenance that central government may award as, in addition to, and not replacement for these funds