

Amendment to the SHDC budget 22nd February 2018

Proposed by Cllr Baldry and seconded by Cllr Brazil

1. Use internal borrowings up to £3 million to fund the leisure investment saving £55,000.
2. Invest £1.5 million long term in CCLA, up-front costs to be covered by the £103K underspend in the 17/18 budget, generating £65,000 income from 19/20.
3. Re-organise senior leadership team saving £70,000.
4. Cease funding the LEP saving £5000.
5. Reduce car parking charges in our market towns by 10% costing £175,000 with a target to reduce charges by 50% by 22/23. £45,000 shortfall to be covered from the Economic Regeneration Projects reserve for 18/19.
6. Stop the closure of public toilets costing £90,000 from 19/20 and £180,000 from 20/21
7. Reinstate the Community Investment Fund £150K paid for by using £100K from the Play Parks capital program, £25K from the NHB and £25K from the Economic Regeneration Projects.
8. Explore a more thorough introduction of charging for domestic properties that have switched to business rates
9. Start the immediate and systematic transfer of assets (including carparks) but not liabilities (public toilets) to the relevant Town or Parish Council. These can then be leased back to SHDC at a peppercorn rent.
10. Set up a housing trust/company to act as a vehicle to deliver genuinely affordable and social housing for young working families.
11. Accelerate the investment from reserves in incubator and start up business units and the delivery of genuinely affordable housing based on the average local wage.
12. Work with the County Council and other Devon District Councils to harmonise rubbish collection, and car parking enforcement (on and off street).
13. Join with North Yorkshire Councils to lobby government for local councils to charge 200% or more council tax on second and holiday homes.
14. Invest in commercial property in our market towns.

‘This is a dynamic, vibrant and strategic budget for the medium and long term. It supports our local businesses, market towns and the tourism industry. It will help to unlock the potential of our young entrepreneurs and creative talents in order to drive economic growth in the South Hams and build genuinely affordable housing for young working families. It shows our trust and confidence in local Parish and Town Councils believing they are best placed to deliver for their local communities.’