

Proposed changes to the budget being put forward.

**Reduce council tax by 1% which on the present figures presented would be:**

£5 Increase	£187,000
1%	£87,000
Total to be found	<u>£274,000</u>

**Savings**

**NEW REVENUE BIDS - BDC**

Addition of one Business Improvement Advisor - shared with RBC £20,000

Environmental Services: We are currently looking to procure the services of a consultant who could offer us the detailed advice needed to gradually change our fleet to Low Carbon emission vehicles. £12,000

**Additional Savings**

Mott McDonald £50,000

From: General Fund Balances £192,000

Total £274,000

Therefore, our proposal is for a 1% reduction in the council tax for 22/23.

**Financial Implications: Officer Notes on the above alternative budget proposal:**

1. There is a recurring element associated in the above proposals.
2. The above decision to reduce Council Tax would have a knock impact on 23/24 and 24/25 (due to the limitations on CT increases in any one year and the fact that the current MTFP assumes maximum allowable increases of £5).
3. Of the above items recorded as 'savings', £20k would be recurring savings in 23/24 and 24/25, the rest would be one off savings in 22/23.

Therefore (and assuming that the other savings above are deliverable / achievable) the following table compares the forecast General Fund Balance - as proposed in the 22/23 Budget / MTFP Report compared to this alternative budget:

<b>General Fund Closing Balance</b>	<b>22/23</b>	<b>23/24</b>	<b>24/25</b>
	<b>£000's</b>	<b>£000's</b>	<b>£000's</b>
<b>Updated (per Budget Report Para 4.12)</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>2,259</b>	<b>1,046</b>
<b>This Alternative budget</b>			
Starting position budget per Para 4.12	3,846	2,259	1,046
Less reduced CT income from above	(274)	(548)	(822)
Add recurring savings	20	40	60
Add non-recurring savings	62	0	0
<b>Alternative budget General Fund</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>284</b>

In terms of the recommendations set out in the Council's 22/23 Budget and MTFP Report proper the above would impact on recommendations 1,3,5 and 6. It would also significantly change 'Appendix 6 – Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Opinion on the Estimate Process and Reserve Levels'.