

**BUDGET SETTING 2016/17 – AMENDMENTS**

1. Additional Funds available to support Projects
- 1.1 It has been identified that the circulated report allows £66,000 for Grants and SLAs in 2016/17 (Page 6 – Nominal Code area 303). This sum included £25,000 in 'new' funds for the Swimming Pool, but in January the Council was advised that it had sufficient Swimming Pool funding remaining from 2015/16 to carry forward into 2016/17 and cover both the projected Revenue costs (£25,000) and an allowance for Capital (£10,000).
- 1.2 As the Council has acquired the General Power of Competence it no longer needs a separate budget line for S.137 grants. The S137 Budgetline can be deleted as an administrative action, but it is for the Council to resolve whether to delete the £2,000 funding, or perhaps re-allocate it to increase 'normal' Community Grants from £10,000 to £12,000. The Council spent only £200 in Section 137 Grants in 2015/16 (Victim Support). If it is desired to repeat the grant to Victim Support, the Council may use the GPC.
- 1.3 Assuming the deletion of £25,000 and £2,000 for the Pool and S137, this frees £27,000 to 100% fund all but three requested Projects in 2016/17.

Previous	Suggested (Original Report)	Amended (1 <sup>st</sup> March)	Item – with Amended Notes
10,000	5,000	10,000	Heritage Style Lanterns (£10,000 remains in 2015/16, additional £10,000 in 2016/17).
2,000	Nil	2,000	Ground Cover Planting
2,000	1,500	2,000	Town Centre Signage
2,000	Nil	2,000	Tree Planting
5,000	5,000	5,000	Grounds Team Equipment (essential replacements for service delivery)
14,000	3,000	14,000	Street Furniture (Railings)
10,000	5,000	10,000	Vehicles (replacement ride-on mower envisaged, but a larger vehicle is required to take on DCC Verges – estimated cost = c.£32,000 (EG Coles) but this is affordable only by making use of credit and allocating SLA income (value to be confirmed) to help offset repayments. ALTERNATIVELY extend use of existing machine for at least one more year and defer purchase of new larger mower AND defer Verges SLA to Five Year Plan)
10,000	10,000	10,000	Cycleways
30,000	Nil	Nil	Playground Equipment. Defer to Five Year Plan, all play areas received new equipment in the last two or three years, or had a good repaint/refurbishment
2,500	1,250	2,750	IT replacement
10,000	Nil	Nil	Swimming Pool. No 'new' Capital money required,
15,000	3,000	3,000	Cockrams Community Hall. Planning application fee only
<b>112,500</b>	<b>33,750</b>	<b>60,750</b>	

## Original Figures

## Item

## Amended Figures

446,900	Precept	446,900
71,732	Other Income	71,732
518,632	Total Income	518,632
	<i>less</i>	
417,673	Total routine operating Budget Expenditure	417,673
	<i>leaves</i>	
100,959	Available for Projects / Grants and SLAs	100,959
	<i>against</i>	
112,500	Projects requested	60,750
68,497	2015/16 Grants and SLAS 2016/17	39,000
180,997	Requirement (Amended)	99,750
-80,038	shortfall between funds available and requirement / surplus	1,209