

CONSERVATIVE GROUP – BUDGET OBJECTION 2018/19

Date of Budget Council: **Monday 5 March 2018**
Date submitted: **Tuesday 27 February 2018**
Proposed by: **Cllr Ian Lewis**
Seconded by: **Cllr Lesley Rennie**

Under Reg 3(1) of The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 (as amended), the Conservative Group submits the following objections to the Cabinet's Budget Recommendations. We believe the proposed increase in Council Tax (5.99%) is a burden that is excessive, especially for those on low and fixed incomes and, specifically:

- the Conservative Group does not believe that a Chief Officer team costing £1.497 million in 2017/18 should require the additional support of professional management consultants (£2.686 million) and therefore seeks a planned reduction in the costs of consultancy
- the Conservative Group seeks deletion of the proposed charges in coastal areas (£250,000) and the removal of charges in country parks (£150,000)
- the Conservative Group believes that Wirral View has failed to meet its objectives and that spending to date (£254,000) and further spending (£140,000) on this publication and distribution to be unnecessary
- the Conservative Group believes school crossing patrols previously deleted should be reinstated (£90,000)

We therefore seek to have the Cabinet's Budget Recommendations rejected and request Cabinet to submit fresh proposals to Council, within at least five working days, that reflects these views.