

Supplemental Item for Budget Council

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in Council Chamber Council Offices
Market Street Newbury

Part I

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Proposed Budget Amendment

Item 7: Financial Year 2026/27: Revenue Budget

Minority Group Proposed Amendment:

Title: *Sustainable Local Services Through Parish and Town Council Partnership*

Proposed by: Councillor Adrian Abbs

Seconded by:

Original Text:

The Revenue Budget for 2026/27.

Proposed Amendment:

Council resolves to adopt the following approach for the 2026/27 financial year and beyond:

1. Partnership with Parish and Town Councils on Non-Statutory Services

In order to provide a credible and immediate mechanism to reduce pressure on West Berkshire Council's general fund and to limit the reliance in year on EFS, Council will cease to provide non-statutory local services by September 2026 subject to a rapid consultation with all relevant bodies.

Section 151 Officer opinion on the implications for the budget:

The above proposal is explicit in proposing to cease non statutory services under the control of West Berkshire Council. The proposal would require scoping and consultation in order to quantify a potential revenue saving, on this basis, it is unlikely any quantified saving would be realised in full during 2026/27.

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