

## **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.