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Labour Group Revenue Budget Amendment

Item 3 – 2019/20 Budget and Medium Term Financial Planning Framework

'This Council deeply regrets the need for this austerity budget. The budget proposed is not in the interests of the residents in Warwickshire.

This Council calls on the leadership of Warwickshire County Council, local members of parliament and the LGA to make urgent representation to the Secretary of State to provide adequate funding for Warwickshire. Areas of particular concern are that the inadequate funding means we are having to make cuts in:

- Adult Social Care
- Children's Services
- Public Health
- Public Safety

and that we do not have the resources needed to invest in:

- Town Centre Regeneration
- Highway Maintenance
- Fire Fighters

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Recommendations to County Council

1 Financial Direction of Travel

Delete paragraph 1.5 and replace as follows, renumbering the following paragraphs as required and updating Annex D of the capital strategy accordingly:

- 1.5 We will use these additional capital resources to provide capacity to deliver capital schemes that support and protect local communities. As a priority, by September 2019, we expect investment proposals for the following to have been brought forward for decision:
 - A programme to regenerate and bring life back to our northern town centres, including Nuneaton, Bedworth and Atherstone and to re-invigorate our local community high streets and village centres.
 - A needs based programme of improvements to footpaths and cycleways in residential areas
 - The creation of a Warwickshire Community Asset Investment Fund to provide access to loan funding for community groups wishing to invest in their assets.
 - The development of a single centre in Rugby providing access for all public services including County Council services, some health provision and all voluntary sector partners such as Age UK, CAVA, CAB and Rugby Credit Union.
 - The infrastructure provision needed to deliver the vision for children and family centres in Warwick District.
 - The introduction of in-cab navigation and auto-salting to our gritters and the provision of additional grit bins to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our winter maintenance.
 - Road safety junction improvements at the Green Man crossroads in Coleshill and Grove Road in Stratford.
 - Replacement mobile equipment for the household waste recycling centres.
 - Additional cycle routes in response to accident data and air quality.
- Over the medium term we will invest the capital receipt from the sale of Top Farm to capitalise a joint venture housing company. We believe this will provide the best return on our assets and increase the resource available to drive economic prosperity for all our communities. We expect a report, outlining this would be implemented to be brought forward for consideration by September 2019.

All other paragraphs/sections, including the Assistant Director of Finance and ICT's Statement remain unchanged.

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