

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 2 in the name of Councillor Feakes to be seconded by Councillor Maines	
Key Decision	no	Item No.
Ward		
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Class	Part 1	Date: February 26 2014

**Lewisham Liberal Democrat council group
Budget amendment 2014-15**

More affordable and better housing

- Increased focus on bring empty and underutilised properties back into full use, bring extra income from private sector portion.
- Using New Homes Bonus to increase affordable housing through home expansion as well as new builds.

		£000s
Item	2014/15	Future years
Private sector housing unit resourcing	90	
Strategic housing support	50	
Additional net non-HRA housing income	(30)	

More jobs and business growth

- Institute a small business loan scheme
- Double the rate of apprenticeship places creation through match funding
- Promote Lewisham's role a small business incubator, particularly for the creative industries, so that Lewisham is 'open for business'
- Target collection rate and above trend business rate growth and use the additional retained business rates to help fund the above activities

		£000s
Item	2014/15	Future years
Additional apprenticeships	800	
Net small business loans resourcing (not capital costs)	60	
Business rates overage and collection improvement	(400)	(400)

A better start for families

- Use the roll-out of wider free childcare for under-2s, the extension of free school meals and the troubled families initiatives to support best start packages for new families across the borough
- Work with schools and the Schools Forum to target £17m of Pupil Premium money at those most in need and those to who it would make the most difference.

Building a Future for all in Lewisham

- Support and encourage the payment of London Living Wage as a minimum to all who provide social care in the borough, and build into social care contracts the expectation of empathetic care as well basic care processes.

- Take recycling and cleansing back to the streets with split bins, community award schemes and a move away from landfill and incineration.
- Improve public trust and engagement in our civil society by investing in and unifying enforcement of local standards in trading, licensing, parking, environment and planning.

		<i>£000s</i>
Item	2014/15	Future years
LLW (all within contracts)		
Recycling and cleansing services	730	
Enforcement services	450	

A leaner, more responsive and more dynamic public service ethos

- Focus the savings programmes on producing more effective public service delivery, removing deadening bureaucracy where possible and freeing up innovative council staff and third sector organisations to provide responsive, appropriate and personalised services.
- Reduce the Council's communications expenditure budgets by 25%
- Reduce the size of Mayor & Cabinet, and work towards eventually replacing the current Mayoral system with arrangements with greater accountability
- Work towards a more responsive and integrated councillor and community relationship, with fewer but better resourced councillors and local democratic units more closely involved in decision-making affecting their area.

		<i>£000s</i>
Item	2014/15	Future years
Re-tiering of management grades	(100)	(500)
Communications budget	(200)	
Mayor & Cabinet	(150)	
Local decision making		(400)

Summary

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Localised decision making		(400)
Use of one-off resources and provisions	(1,300)	