

Conservative group budget proposal for 2020/21

1. Support for Olympic athletes preparing for the next games

The Council would establish an 'Olympic Hopefuls' Grant to residents of the district, who are in full time education and who are preparing for the next Olympic games in Tokyo, Japan this summer and future games. The applications would be processed, assessed and determined in the same way as Community Chest Grants. We propose an allocation of £10,000 for inclusion in the proposed 2020/2021 revenue budget.

2. Youth Engagement

Youth engagement in local issues and the activities of Local Authorities is of great importance. When views on issues are from a representational group that reflects the community, you are more likely to find the best result for all. The Council should organise a youth engagement event or events in order to raise awareness and encourage young people to get involved. Parish councils/meetings would be invited to send 2 representatives aged 21 or under to event(s) where local issues could be debated and an introduction to the different layers of local government and how one can get involved. All members would be able to get involved in these events on an A-Political basis. It is proposed to allocate £5,000 in the proposed 2020/21 revenue budget for such events.

3. Long Service Awards

The Council runs a scheme of long service awards that applies after 20 years it is proposed that this be extended in such a way that awards are given to staff at intervals of five years' service starting at five years employment with South Cambridgeshire District Council. A budget of £13,500 is proposed for inclusion in the 2020/2021 revenue budget.

4. Funding

It is proposed that the amount required of £28,500 be funded from a reduction to the budget within communications for the South Cambridgeshire magazine of £15,000, still leaving over £20,000 for the magazine and over £30,000 for delivery and where more than one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid to a particular member, in future they receive one allowance. This will produce a saving of £13,500.

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