

Revenue Budget 2011/12 and Future Years

(July 13th 2010)

Future Funding Levels

- Significant Cuts in Government Grant are Expected
- Our Present Assumptions are for Government Grant Cuts of 5% each year in Shropshire.
- This means savings targets for the Council of £47m in the next 3 years
- There will be no increase in Council Tax for Shropshire Council in 2011/12.
- The Government may give some help to keep Council Tax Increases to Zero for 2011/12 and 2012/13.
- Together with current year Government Grant Cuts of £9.7m

Managing Within Future Funding Levels

- We will achieve as much as we can through efficiencies, reductions in management and administration costs and freezing recruitment.
- This approach will save millions of pounds each year, but the scale of cuts means that this cannot be done in isolation.

Transformation Programme

- The Council is looking at redesigning how it delivers services, as well as at scaling back services, or stopping services in their current form
- The Council will look to work more closely with the voluntary and community sector, and other public services such as Health, Police, Fire and Rescue and the Town Councils so as to reduce costs and remove duplication.

Review of Services

- The Council may need to review where it charges for services and the level that it applies.
- Local businesses are crucial in providing economic growth and the Council will support businesses by reviewing how we procure goods and services from local suppliers.

Consultation

- We will be consulting widely.
- Please make your views known
 - through your LJC.
 - through our consultations with representative organisations.
 - by responding to our web based consultation.
 - by participating in our public debate.
 - by writing to us.