

Reaching £1m - where could we make a difference?

City of York Council Budget Decisions 2008/09

Table 1 - areas where the council considered increasing spending

		Budget Decision		
		£000		£000 Comment
E1	Maintain highway and footpath maintenance at current levels allowing for inflation	360	Accepted	404
E2	Pay enhanced fees to private sector residential and nursing homes for the elderly	250	Partially accepted	50
E3	Invest in developing an up to date planning framework for the city	227	Accepted	227
E4	Invest more in improving highways drainage	200	Accepted	200
E5	Fund the Out of Hours noise nuisance reduction service	88	Partially accepted	50
E6	Pilot the extension of doorstep recycling to terraced properties and flats	80	Accepted	80
E7	Invest in waste minimisation and recycling advice	80	Accepted	80
E8	Fund an annual firework display (assuming partnership with a private sponsor)	50	Rejected	
E9	Fund better Christmas lights (partnership with a private sponsor)	40	Partially accepted	30 Matches the amount budgeted in 2007/08
E10	Help the council understand and respond to the diverse needs of all communities in York, thus reducing inequality	37	On hold	Decision deferred until later in the year
E11	Increase grants to voluntary sector organisations	30	Partially accepted	20

Table 2 - areas where the council considered making savings

		Budget Decision		
		£000		£000 Comment
S1	Increase standard stay car parking charges for visitors by 20p to £1.50 per hour (residents' rate to stay at £1 per hour)	250	Accepted	250
S2	Reduce the level of highway and footpath resurfacing work by five per cent	238	Rejected	
S3	Cease providing social services to elderly and disabled people with moderate needs, leaving provision in place only for those with substantial and critical needs	200	Rejected	
S4	Discontinue travel tokens for the over 60s, leaving them with free bus passes	150	Partially accepted	51 Reduce token value from £40 to £20
S5	Closure of council drop-in centre at Sycamore House for people with mental health issues	111	Rejected	
S6	Cease subsidising some bus services	96	Rejected	
S7	Close the council's three young people's Performing Arts Centres	88	Rejected	
S8	Close the Central Library and City Archives for one day each week	70	Partially accepted	16 City Archives only
S9	Cease funding the City of Festivals, stopping support for community events and cutting the programme of festivals in the city	57	Rejected	
S10	Reduce the amount of money spent by Ward Committees on local improvements	50	Rejected	
S11	Reduce the number of social workers working with children	47	Rejected	
S12	Start free bus travel for the over 60s at 9:30 rather than 9:00	40	Rejected	
S13	Withdraw the council contribution to york-england.com, which looks to bring new business to York and North Yorkshire	30	Rejected	
S14	Close a branch library	20	Rejected	
S15	Closure of St George's Field car park toilets (currently open six months of the year)	20	Rejected	
S16	Cease contribution to NSPCC domestic violence service	17	Rejected	
S17	Reduce the amount spent on removing chewing gum from footpaths	17	Accepted	17
S18	Reduce funding for the Theatre Royal by five per cent, resulting in less youth work and studio performances	15	Rejected	
S19	Increase the entry charge to Union Terrace car park toilets from 20p to 30p	10	Accepted	10
S20	Close swimming pools on Bank Holiday and reduce hours of Sunday opening	9	Rejected	
S21	Relocate Burton Stone Lane Flexible Learning Centre to Clifton Library	4	Accepted	4