

Environment & Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 18 January 2021

The committee asked questions, put comments and recommended that:

- In respect of the Boroughwide Consultation on the Parking Strategy, that the consultation timeframe be extended to take into account the difficulties people without access to the internet may have experienced trying to access services such as libraries which are closed as part of the national lockdown guidance relating to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- It was noted that the budget proposals came with an attached caveat that:

Proposals marked RED / AMBER had been identified as those only being considered for consultation and any subsequent implementation if the Local Government Funding Settlement does not sufficiently increase the funding to Cheshire East Council. RED items would be removed first where possible.

The Committee agreed that for items relating to the Environment and Regeneration budget, the items marked in red could represent £770+k of savings. Recommendation from the Committee was to retain those savings regardless of the outcome of the Local Government Funding Settlement.

- The Committee proposed that a plan for rural grass cutting could be developed as there was some reported road safety issues reported in certain parts of the borough. Members were keen to note from Officers when rural grass was planned to be cut and/or sprayed and also the issue of Pavements siding out' was raised, especially on major A roads where people can't walk down.