GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2010/11

Liberal Democrat Group Amendments

Amendment 1

Introduce an Energy Saving Smart Meter loan scheme in the Library Service. The smart meters monitor household electricity use and help pinpoint areas where savings can be made.

The energy companies are committed to replacing all electricity and gas meters for smart meters over the next 10 years which will provide remote readings and enhanced usage information. Therefore the use of these removable smart meters is more for the short to medium term and so the introduction of this service should not be an ongoing financial commitment.

The initial one-off cost of purchasing 250 units plus additional display stands for the libraries is estimated to be £9,250 with a further £6,750 to provide replacement stock and consumables for future years; £16,000 in total.

It is proposed to fund this new scheme from the £500,000 reserves identified in the supplementary financial information for Budget Council report agenda item 55(b).

Amendment 2

Ensure the buses that operate on the 11X bus service (the council bus) are Disabled Discrimination Act compliant. The additional cost is £5,700 per annum and will be met from tighter restrictions on procurement, particularly fleet.