

Conservative Group Budget Amendment

Amendment proposed by: Councillor David Snowdon

Amendment seconded by: Councillor Zara Davis

This Council notes:

1. The financial black hole inherited from Labour both at a national level and at the Council level;
2. That the Town Hall continues to waste money;
3. That residents have not been consulted over the budget proposals;
4. That the 34 residents who attended focus groups on the budget were concerned by the cost of East End Life.

This Council will:

5. Discontinue East End Life, and carry out statutory advertising through other newspapers. Compared to the Mayor's amended plans, this will provide a further saving of £50,000 in 2011/12.
6. Provide an additional 17 police officers, 1 for each ward. Under Mayor Boris Johnson's recently announced 'Buy One Get One Free' scheme for police officers, he would provide match funding for these posts and therefore provide an additional 17 police officers. This would lead to a total of 34 new police officers for Tower Hamlets. To fund the Council's new police officers, we would end the Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officer programme. This would provide a budget saving of £25,000 in 2011/12.
7. Spend the £75,000 savings on road repairs, in particular on mending pot holes, to take account of the high wear and tear caused by the hard winter.