

BUDGET CHALLENGE BY YOUTH CABINET

12 December 2012



Councillor Lowry Cabinet Member Finance and Gemma Pearce, Team Leader (Democratic Support) met with the Youth Cabinet on Wednesday 12 December 2012 to hear their views on what the City's priorities should be. The following areas were discussed -

- the difference in the amount of money spent on residential care compared to the amount spent on foster care
- cost vs. benefit of parking enforcement
- plans to address £17million budget gap
- level of proposed council tax increase
- number of staff employed by the Chief Executive
- number of staff employed in a management capacity
- the ability to enable the City to grow whilst making service cut backs
- the possibility of using assets to generate income
- new schools
- Life Centre building costs
- Life Centre running costs
- Energy from Waste Plants

Youth Cabinet suggested that the following areas should be considered as part of the budget scrutiny -

1. Maximising opportunity to increase income from the Life Centre
2. Look at alternative care options for those requiring residential care
3. Consider future investment opportunities with regard to energy from waste plants