

Halton Liberal Democrats
2008/09 Budget
Proposed Amendment

As part of the Budget setting process for 2008/09 we would like to propose the following amendment to item 3 (a) on the Agenda for the full council meeting of 5th March 2008.

These savings were submitted to the Executive Board prior to the budget being set.

Energy Saving Programme – as recommended last year (programme should be in its second year by now)	50,000
Advertising, Marketing and Promotion. – as last year (balance required to deliver a 15% reduction - 11.6% achieved)	12,000
Executive Board (reduction to 6 posts in line with Directorate structure)	57,000
Freeze Councillors allowances for one year	12,000
No special allowance paid to Vice Chairs	30,000
Invest to Save – Productivity target for KPMG Partners	75,000
Voluntary Sector – Do not cut this valuable area	(72,000)
Fund Voluntary Sector spending by reducing Priorities Fund in view of the new LAA shape yet to be agreed.	72,000
TOTAL EXTRA SAVINGS	----- £ 237,000 =====

This would reduce the Council Tax increase from the 3.5% as per the proposal down to 2.9%.

Proposed: Councillor Linda Redhead

Seconded: Councillor Tim Sly