

2026/27 Budget Amendments proposed by the Liberal Democrat Council Group

Supporting local Communities

1. In addition to support with office costs, a grant of £50,000.00 to support Citizens Advice Service whilst it develops alternative income sources and works to integrate with any proposed Unitary Authority structure implemented in Devon.

To negotiate a contract based on savings to Council because of CA's work to bring in additional money to the council e.g. rents and council tax and other bad debts.

The cost of this grant to be met in 2026/27 from General Reserves.

2. HMOs - to review and adjust fees to ensure the service breaks even and can provide support to improve standards in the HMO sector.

3. The council is requested to investigate a city-wide voluntary licensing scheme for properties in the rented sector. The scheme should aim to be self financing.