

Halton Liberal Democrats
2008/09 Budget
Proposed Additional Savings

As part of the Budget setting process for 2008/09 we would like to propose the following additional savings. These should be considered at the Executive Board on February 21st and obviously will be subject to debate at the Special Council meeting on March 5th. As in previous years we believe it is a more constructive approach to submit these ideas in advance of the budget being set, as oppose to using a last minute amendment.

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 draft proposal down to 2.9%.

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on behalf of Halton Liberal Democrats