

## **Durham County Council Conservative Group - Budget Amendment**

### **MTFP 9**

The Council welcomes the recent report by the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee “*Review of support provided to the retail sector by Durham County Council*”, noting its approval by Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, and seeks to accelerate its implementation by moving that:

The Council, in respect of the Cabinet’s 2019/20 budget and MTFP 9 to make additional savings and expenditure as follows:

### **Savings**

- (a) Reduce the number of editions of the County Durham News from four to three from April 2019 – retaining the guide to services. This produces an estimated annual saving of £25,000

**.TOTAL REVENUE SAVING: £25,000**

### **Investments**

- (a) Extend free wi-fi across Barnard Castle, Chester-le-Street and Seaham. The total capital costs are estimated at £130,000. It is proposed to fund these capital costs from the towns and villages reserve that has been established by cabinet (£10 million). The on-going revenue costs are estimated at £25,000 and will be funded from savings identified in this budget amendment.

Total Revenue Costs are as follows

- (i) 2019/20 - £ 25,000

**TOTAL INVESTMENT: £25,000**

As the savings and investments net off in 2019/20, there is no net impact on the MTFP.

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