

## **Conservative Group Alternative Budget Amendment**

“It is vital to help Cheadle after a failed levelling-up bid. We propose to spend £900,000 in two parts, the first is £150,000 on refurbishing the toilets and showers in desperate need at the leisure centre in the 2024 financial year. This can come from the levelling up reserve in the accounts. A capital loan of £750,000 for an asset purchase at an interest rate of 5.5%. The income generated will be in excess of the interest payments which makes a sound business case.

Our next amendment is to freeze the parking charge to not discourage shoppers from using our 3 Towns and to pay for this loss of revenue by deducting 22 percent of the 44 percent Councillor allowances passed by the Labour/Independent group.

We keep hearing about a cost-of-living crisis so let's help the residents of the Staffordshire Moorlands through Councillors making a financial commitment.

Finally, this could have been given on the night with no notice whatsoever as per the Constitution but our group feels it is too important, especially to Cheadle and all Moorlands residents to give advance notice of our proposals.“