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General Fund Budget 2018/19

I am writing to let you know that I have published a draft budget for the City Council in 2018/19. The budget can be found on my website (citymayor.leicester.gov.uk).

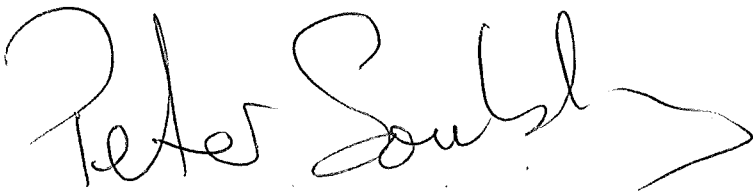
As you are aware, government cuts have had a significant impact on the services we are able to provide. By 2019/20, our government grant will have fallen by £120m per year since 2010/11 (50% in real terms). Because we have had to find more money for social care, spending on all other services will fall by almost two thirds in real terms over the same period.

Because of uncertainty over future funding, the budget essentially enables us to live within our means in 2018/19, whilst recognising we have a huge job to do identifying further cuts over the next 12 months.

Our approach to achieving savings is the "Spending Review Programme". This consists of reviews of individual services, each with their own terms of reference. Consultation with service users and key partners takes place as necessary during these reviews. Due to this approach, you will not find any lists of savings proposed for approval as part of the draft budget. The budget is best seen as a snapshot at a point in time, and a proposal with regard to council tax.

As a representative of a key constituency of interest, I would welcome any comments you might have on the Council's budget.

The Council will consider the budget on 21st February, 2018. It would be helpful to receive any comments you might have by 28th January please.



Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor