

# County Council Budget Cuts

**We owe it to the people of Oxfordshire to save as much as we can**

**SUPPORT THE GREEN BUDGET AMENDMENT**

February 15, 2011 will be a sad day for Oxfordshire County Council and a sadder day for the people of the County. The cuts which are being proposed will cause real pain for thousands and reduce the quality of life for thousands more.

The economy is reeling from the £ billions given to the banks, spent on fighting immoral wars, lost on tax breaks for the rich and wasted on failed privatisations. The knee jerk reaction of the incoming Coalition Government has been to cut deeply into public spending. But there is another way. The Green Party backs the **Million Climate Jobs** campaign (<http://www.climate-change-jobs.org>) a fully costed set of proposals for getting the Country back on its feet again.



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**Meanwhile the Green Party is doing all it can locally to protect vulnerable services.**

**If passed, the Green Party's County Budget Amendment will:**

- **Keep all the libraries open**
- **Create a fund to make it possible for people who no longer need to be in hospital to be discharged with the care they need**
- **Reduce the impact of the cuts on children with disabilities**
- **Make life easier for very frail older people**
- **Restore funding for people with learning disabilities**
- **Provide support for advice and advocacy agencies**
- **Provide small cash buffers for Youth Service, Children's Centres & Carers**
- **Keep Redbridge Recycling Centre open while the City Council explores possibilities for shared operation**

**Urge Councillors of all parties to support the Green Amendment**

**The Tory budget will most likely be voted through -  
most likely without Lab, LibDem or Green support.**

**BUT WE OWE IT TO THE PEOPLE OF OXON TO TRY & SAVE WHAT WE CAN**

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## HOW DOES THE GREEN AMENDMENT RAISE MONEY TO PROTECT SERVICES & JOBS?

- **Increased Charges for Park and Rides and On-Street Parking Evenings and Sundays** - the Council currently subsidises drivers from across the County to park in Oxford. We believe that this is lower priority for taxpayer funding than protecting libraries and the vulnerable. We propose a charge of £2 for up to a day's parking in Park and Rides and a reinstatement of parking charges on evening and weekends in Central Oxford.  
**Money raised: £5 million over four years**
- **Reduced Redundancy Payments** - by keeping the libraries open we have saved jobs thereby reducing redundancy payments.  
**Money saved: almost £0.5 million**
- **Response to Consultations** - the Cabinet proposes to hold back money to respond to later consultations. We think that this cash should be spent now—not later—to protect libraries and reduce suffering.  
**Money made available: £2 million**
- **Replace Lower Priority Services With Frontline Services** - freeing up more than a million to spend on the most needed areas.  
**Money made available: £1.25 million**

## Save Some Jobs – Save Some Services Support the Green Budget Amendment

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