

NOTICE OF MOTION – GOVERNMENT CUTS

The Council notes:

The Local Government Association (LGA) has identified a decrease in UK Government funding of almost 60 per cent for Local Authorities in England and Wales between 2010 and 2020.

Over the last two years, Councils have led the way in efforts against the Covid-19 pandemic, providing a huge range of services and support for our communities. Local Government has shown more than ever how indispensable it is. But Covid has led to a massive increase in expenditure and loss of income, and as we emerge from the pandemic, Local Authorities and schools need far more financial support from Westminster.

Council and school workers kept our communities safe through the pandemic, often putting themselves at considerable risk as they work to protect public health, provide quality housing, ensure our children continue to be educated, and look after older and vulnerable people for example.

Since 2011, the Local Government workforce has endured years of pay restraint. Whilst the pay cap was removed in 2018, by autumn 2017 public sector pay had fallen behind private sector pay for comparable work. Staff are now facing the worst cost of living crisis in a generation, with RPI forecast by the Office for Budgetary Responsibility (OBR) to average at 9.8% across 2022 and currently running at 11.1%. Many staff are having to make impossible choices between food, heating and paying for other essentials. This a terrible situation for everyone to find themselves in.

At the same time, workers have experienced ever-increasing workloads and job insecurity. The [Local Government Chronicle](#) has indicated that between 2010 and 2018 there were more than 220,000 redundancies of Local Authority employees and nearly £4 billion was spent on redundancy payments.

Unison advise that recent research shows that if the Government were to fully fund the Unions' 2022 pay claim, around half of the money would be recouped thanks to increased tax revenue, reduced expenditure on benefits and tax credits, and increased consumer spending in the local economy.

This council is now asked by the Joint Trade Unions of GMB, Unison and Unite to support this NOM.

Notice of Motion –

That the Leader of Council writes to the UK Government on behalf of Elected Members to ask for a full increase in funding support for Local Authorities, commensurate with a real terms increase for staff in order to restore some sustainability back into the system. Because without the professionalism and

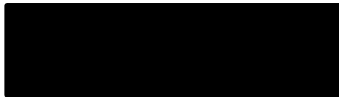
dedication of our staff, the Council services our residents rely on would not be delivered.



Councillor Sean Morgan
Leader of Council



Councillor James Pritchard
Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member
for Prosperity, Regeneration &
Climate Change



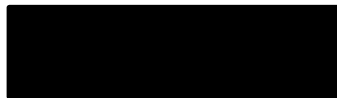
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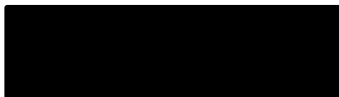
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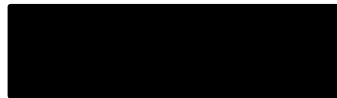
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Cabinet Member for Education
& Communities



Councillor Julian Simmonds
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Transportation



Councillor Shayne Cook
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Councillor Elaine Forehead
Cabinet Member for Social Care



Councillor Philippa Leonard
Cabinet Member for Planning
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Councillor Chris Morgan
Cabinet Member for Waste,
& Green Spaces