



COUNCIL - 27TH FEBRUARY 2024

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – WALES LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution. To expedite business, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with by Council without the motion first being discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor S. Morgan (Leader of Council) and is supported by Councillors J. Pritchard, N. George, E. Stenner, S. Cook, C. Andrews, P. Leonard, E. Forehead, C. Morgan, L. Whittle (Leader of the Plaid Cymru Group) and N. Dix (Leader of Independents Group).
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure, having been agreed by the Mayor that the motion may be dealt with, without first being discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee is presented to Council for consideration.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Notice of Motion

In his Notice of Motion Councillor Morgan calls on Council to write to UK Government

and call on the UK Conservative Government to invest in public services, including health, education and local government services and provide a fair settlement to the Welsh Government in order that services in Wales can be properly funded. He asks Council to call upon Conservative Ministers to announce additional investment in the budget in March.

- 5.2. Councillor Morgan asks that this Council condemns the utterly inadequate settlement for Wales announced by the UK Conservative Government in the Autumn Statement.
- 5.3 Councillor Morgan in support of his notice of motion advises that this settlement provides only £305 million extra for the Welsh Government over a two-year period.

This means Welsh Government have around £160 million next year to meet all of the pressures in the NHS, Local Government, and all other services it provides for the people of Wales.

To place this in perspective, Caerphilly County Council spends more than £173m on Education alone.

Financial pressures in this Council alone are estimated at £56m for 2024/25 and in Local Government in Wales at £720m.

This settlement will go nowhere near meeting the inflationary pressures faced by services in Wales, it is a raw deal for the people of Wales and shows how the UK Government cares about the people of Wales.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Councils Constitution.
- 7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.
- 7.3 However the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may require an Integrated Impact Assessment.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 As this report is a procedure matter, there are no financial implications associated with presenting a notice of motion to Council for consideration.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 As this report is a procedure matter, there are no personnel implications associated with presenting a notice of motion to Council for consideration.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 As this is a procedural notice of motion, there has been no consultation undertaken.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.