

APPENDIX 1

NOTICE OF MOTION – WALES LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT

Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor S. Morgan, Leader of Council and supported by the Councillors detailed.

This Council condemns the utterly inadequate settlement for Wales announced by the UK Conservative Government in the Autumn Statement.

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.

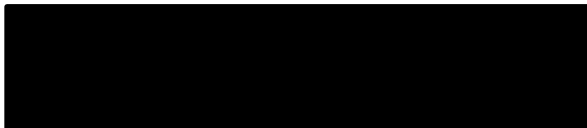
To place this in perspective, Caerphilly County Council spends more than £173m on Education alone.

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.

We ask this 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. We call upon Conservative Ministers to announce additional investment in the budget in March.

Signed



Councillor S. Morgan.

Supported by Councillors: J. Pritchard, N. George, E. Stenner, S. Cook, C. Morgan, E. Forehead, C. Andrews, P. Leonard, L. Whittle, Cllr N. Dix.