

Member Motion, Full Council 6 December 2022: Council Tax-Freeze

In light of the Office for Budget Responsibility forecast that real household disposable income will fall by 7.1% between 2021/22 and 2023/24, worsening the existing Cost Of Living Crisis and further squeezing the vulnerable and low to middle income families, this Council resolves to

1. In principle, freeze its share of the Council tax for the 23/24 financial year at the current (2022/23} level following discussions with the S151 Officer regarding how to target the rebate towards lower and middle income families.
2. Ask other preceptors to take similar action;

Council also notes

- A) The Lib Dem and Green budget amendment passed unanimously last year that gave a £100 grant to 863 households cost £86,300 and was funded from the MTFs Reserve. The cost of a freeze on UDC's share of the Council tax in 2023/24 benefiting households in the district is estimated to be £180,000 and similarly would be funded from reserves.

Proposer: Councillor Caton