

Amendment Submitted by Councillor Hargreaves

Member Motion: Council Tax-Freeze, as proposed by Councillor Caton - Full Council, 6 December 2022

To insert and remove wording as follows (bold italics denotes additional wording – wording to be removed has been struck through):

Amended Motion (with ‘tracked changes’):

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;~~

Hold a budget council tax workshop for all council members with the relevant officers, to ensure that members are clearly informed regarding tax proposals and options to ensure a full understanding is reached prior to decisions being made.

Council also notes

~~A) The Lib Dem and Green **the** 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.~~

Amended Motion (no ‘tracked changes’):

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:

Hold a budget council tax workshop for all council members with the relevant officers, to ensure that members are clearly informed regarding tax proposals and options to ensure a full understanding is reached prior to decisions being made.

Council also notes the 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.