

12 JULY 2007

NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY

“This council notes:

1. That following consecutive years of above-inflation rises, council tax levels in the city are at all-time highs;
2. The role that Central Government has played in those rises through restricting funding and reducing the financial flexibilities available to councils;
3. The urgent need to restrain cost growth while protecting citizens’ vital services.

and therefore resolves to:

1. Protect and enhance citizens’ vital services;
2. Encourage the administration of the council to put a particular focus on effective and efficient delivery;
3. Promote value for money in delivery by supporting benchmarking of service costs, encouraging thorough budget discipline and supporting opportunities for cost sharing with other authorities and public service organisations.

It further resolves, through this work, to work for reductions in the rate of council tax increases, with the intention that by the end of the current council’s term, the annual increase is no more than the prevailing rate of inflation.”

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Seconded by: Cllr Brian Oxley

