

Notices of Motion

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Council Members are asked to consider the under mentioned Motions:-

(i) Notice of Motion – Housing Benefit and Austerity Measures

This Council :

- Asks the Government's to re-examine the measures it is putting in place to cut housing benefit from some of the City of Sunderland's most vulnerable residents on the grounds that their social housing has a spare bedroom.
- Believes it to be an unworkable policy given that if people moved house it would not save any money.
- Notes that according to the Government's own impact assessment, two thirds of the households affected have a disabled person.
- Calls on the Government to drop this policy along with the other unfair austerity measures they have so brutally imposed upon the most vulnerable and think again.

Councillor P Watson
Councillor H Trueman
Councillor M Speding

(ii) Notice of Motion – Government Expenditure and the Financial Deficit

This Council, noting the previous (Labour) government left office having proposed cuts in public spending totalling 20% to deal with the financial deficit it had incurred during its time in office; acknowledges the necessity to reduce government expenditure and looks forward to the deficit being eliminated at the earliest possible opportunity.

Councillor P Wood
Councillor R Oliver
Councillor G Howe
Councillor M Forbes

iii) Notice of Motion – Loss of a Sunderland based Family Business

This Council, in these Government imposed harsh economic times, regrets the loss of a Sunderland based family business and furthermore that this Council recognises both their economic and community contributions, over many years, to the well being of this City.

Councillor H Trueman
Councillor N Padgett
Councillor R Heron
Councillor G Miller
Councillor P Smith