

COUNCIL 21 MARCH 2018

NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Local Government Financial Crisis

This Council notes with great concern that:

The National Audit Office has warned that many Councils' are on the verge of insolvency, due in large part to cuts in central government funding of almost 50% in eight years.

Figures released by the NAO show that Councils' financial positions have "worsened markedly" since the last audit in 2014, with 10% of councils likely to exhaust their reserves by 2020.

Therefore, this Council endorses, the call made by the Chair of the Local Government Association, Lord Porter who has said: "The Government needs to urgently address this cliff-edge and the growing funding gaps facing local services."

This Council resolves to:

Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer to demand that the Government take urgent action to prevent a further worsening of the finance position within local government.

Furthermore, that they make emergency funding available to Councils so that they can "urgently address the cliff edge and the growing funding gaps facing local services."

Councillor H. Trueman Councillor M. Mordey Councillor M. Speding Councillor L. Farthing Councillor G. Miller