

Council Meeting 18 January 2016**Motions****Motion 1 Impact of central government cuts on local communities****Proposed by Cllr Ruth Dombey. Seconder TBA**

Council notes:

- That £43m of cuts have been imposed on the borough by central government since 2010 and a further £31m is now required by 2019, equivalent to 50% of the Council's annual revenue budget;
- That central government has delegated additional responsibilities to councils, expecting them to deliver with less funding or with funding cut altogether;
- The concern that these further draconian cuts in funding by the Conservative Government will seriously restrict its ability to provide adequate protection for the most vulnerable people in the borough and will still require cutting some front line services to the bare minimum or stopping them altogether;
- The expectation by government that councils will need to significantly raise council tax to maintain basic services.

Council calls on the government to cease the hypocrisy of advocating localism whilst imposing additional red tape and unsustainable restrictions on local authorities' spending decisions and instead engage with local government to offer true devolution of powers and responsibilities so that they can continue to respond to local people's needs and expectations.

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