

## AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MOTION (Agenda item 10.3) SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR JOHN JAMES

‘That this Council

- 1) Welcomes the increase in the Local Government Revenue Settlement which will see Carmarthenshire County Council’s funding allocation increase by 9.2% in 2022/23.
- 2) Agrees with the Leader of this Council when he recently said: “I very much welcome this settlement from Welsh Government, which is one of the best councils will have seen for a long time. It is testament to the constructive and regular dialogue which has been had with ministers and wider Members of the Senedd, which has certainly been appreciated by council leaders.”
- 3) **Recognises that in addition to service cost pressures in areas such as social care, there is significant risk to our funding position as the Welsh Government explicitly requires Local Authorities to accommodate the risks of future pay awards, unprecedented inflationary pressures (such as gas and electricity costs which are expected to rise by 20%), ongoing Covid-19 related costs and continuing income reduction, and additional employer contributions as a result of the UK Government’s planned National Insurance rise from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.**
- 4) Supports the Welsh Government’s determination to protect local government services as much as possible despite its own budget being £3bn lower by 2024/25 than it would have otherwise been had it increased in line with the economy since 2010/11. **However we recognise that the Welsh Government settlement to this Council has significantly reduced in real terms since 2010, taking little account of the pressures from wage inflation, pension increases and other service pressures.**
- 5) And subsequently regrets that the Conservative UK Government continues to underfund public services, in general, and those in Wales in particular, and agree that all this Council’s Political Group Leaders jointly write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging him to restore funding to Welsh Government to at least the real terms equivalent of its 2010 level.’

Proposed Cllr Kim Broom

Seconded Cllr Jeanette Gilasbey