



Council Meeting held on 4th November 2003

AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY Cllr. Bradley

SECONDED BY Cllr. Boaden

That Minute No. of the Executive/Overview and Scrutiny

of the 200 referring to

Item 15a) Notice of Motion: Council Tax

(1) be amended by deleting the word(s)

See attached sheet

and substituting therefor the word(s)

(2) be amended by adding the words

(Signed)

Heather Bradley

Proposer

(Signed)

 Second

Voting: For

Against

Please see over.

Amendment to Liberal Democrat Motion:

Delete Paragraph 1 and replace with:

That the Council Tax system, introduced by the last Conservative government is far from perfect but is an improvement on the Poll Tax which preceded it.

This Council thus welcomes the Government's Balance of Funding Review which is considering a wide range of possibilities for changing the way that local government is funded, judged against a number of criteria.

Delete Item 2 and replace with

To replace the Council Tax with a system which is accountable, collectable and equitable

Motion would thus read:

This Council notes that the Council Tax system, introduced by the last Conservative government is far from perfect but is an improvement on the Poll Tax which preceded it.

This Council thus welcomes the Government's Balance of Funding Review which is considering a wide range of possibilities for changing the way that local government is funded, judged against a number of criteria.

The present system also exaggerates the impact of grant shortfall on council tax payers who have to make up the difference. A 1% increase in spending or shortfall in Government grant requires on average a 4% increase in Council Tax or equivalent cuts in services.

In order to be fairer to council tax payers, Carlisle City Council calls on the government:

- 1. To change the balance of funding with a new system for funding local services so that a shortfall in Central Government Grant does not result in disproportionate rises in local Council tax.*
- 2. To replace the Council Tax with a system which is accountable, collectable and equitable*
- 3. To ensure that Councils are provided with sufficient resources to enable delivery of services to a satisfactory standard.*