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Christian Wakeford
MP for Bury South

Letter sent via email

Dear Christian,

Bury Council at its Full Council meeting on 24 November 2021 debated a notice of motion in relation to Council Tax.

The Council noted:

1. That direct funding to local government has been cut year on year by the Conservatives with a cut to Bury Council of over £100 million so far since 2010.
2. That the Conservative Government's latest Budget expects us to raise Council Tax by 3% in order to increase our spending power.
3. Even with this hike in Council Tax, Bury Council will still be forced to make around £18m in cuts by the financial year 2023/24.

The Council resolved to:

1. Call on the Government to stop the squeeze and fund Bury Council directly to avoid increases in council tax.
2. Call on the Government to reverse tax cuts on banks and consider a windfall levy on individuals and enterprise whose wealth grew exponentially in the pandemic.
3. Write to Bury's Conservative MPs asking them to co-sign a letter demanding true levelling up for Bury, by restoring our direct funding grant so that Council Tax payers don't have to bear an even heavier burden of funding vital local services, which should be funded by Government.

Accordingly, I am writing to you in relation to this matter.

I look forward to your response so that an update can be provided to Members of Bury Council.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G Little".

G Little
Chief Executive

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