

**Motion to:** Council

28 November 2023

**Subject:** Autumn statement

**Proposer:** Councillor Kendrick

**Seconder:** Councillor Stonard

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Following the Autumn Statement, analysis reveals the devastating cut in government funding to Norwich City Council. In 2010, under Labour, Norwich received £14.11m a year in government funding for local services – the equivalent of £20.58m in today's prices. Yet today, after years of cuts – and the devastating inflation brought on when the Conservatives crashed the British economy – we receive just £6.70m, a cut of 67%.

Even after the Conservatives have forced up council tax in our area by 22%, that still leaves Norwich with a total spending power reduction of 49% – whilst at the same time, places like Wokingham in the South East have been cut by just 2%.

Council **RESOLVES**

- 1) to note: -
  - a) Under the Conservatives, Norwich has taken a battering. Low growth, stagnant wages, high prices and failing public services have been the story of the last 13 years. Over the last 12 months, inflation unleashed with the reckless mini budget has deepened the cost-of-living crisis, pushing many Norwich families beyond breaking point.
  - b) Despite this, the Conservative government refuses to give Norwich a fair deal. New analysis above reveals the staggering cuts successive chancellors have inflicted in Norwich.
- 2) In the light of these figures, council asks the Leader to write to the Chancellor and demand he offer a fair deal for Norwich. Our city must not be hit harder than other parts of the country, particularly given that the current Prime Minister has talked about taking money away from urban areas to hand to Conservative heartlands – that must stop.