

**CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL
23 MARCH 2017**

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 2

Proposed by: Councillor David Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Rod McKerlich

Delete paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and replace with:

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This Council also accepts the reality that The UK Government has, over recent years, forwarded several large payments to the Welsh Government to supplement Local Government spending and allow reductions in Council Tax. It regrets that WG chose not to pass on this money to Local Government for the benefit of council taxpayers.

Paragraph 4 - delete all after 'their hard work'.

Paragraph 6 - delete and replace with

Finally, this Council recognises that, whilst reducing expenditure in some areas due to lower WG settlements, the Council's key services continue to function, in spite of this administration's awareness of key inefficiencies but failure to tackle them and make available savings. A future cabinet will need to resolve that shortcoming and carry out a full modernisation programme as a matter of urgency.'

The Substantive motion will read:

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This Council thanks its employees for the resolve and resilience they have shown in the face of unprecedented austerity, and congratulates all Council staff for their hard work.

It resolves to continue supporting our staff by remaining a living wage employer, by ensuring that each member of staff is always treated with respect, and by continuing to prioritise front line services.

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