

SPECIAL COUNCIL: 18 JANUARY 2023

MOTION 1 (As amended to incorporate Amendment (purple font))

Proposer: Councillor Foster

Seconder: Councillor McDonald

“Council therefore agrees:

1. That the Council should make a robust public response to the budget statement, challenging in the strongest possible terms the presentation of the supposed £550m additional funding and highlighting the massive real terms cut in funding for vital local services;
2. That the CEO writes a letter to the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister on behalf of the Council that rejects that this is a fair settlement; highlighting the massive real terms cut to the councils funding and the impact this budget settlement will have on vital local services and demanding a fair settlement to defend vital local services and jobs and the Council supports COSLA's response from December 16th 2022 which registered Council Leaders' extreme disappointment at the budget settlement and the Scottish Government's failure to respond to COSLA's SOS campaign call. North Ayrshire Council endorses calls made by COSLA for a better budget settlement in order to defend local services
3. That the Council undertakes an assessment of the likely job losses within the council and local economies that will result from this budget settlement; and
4. The Council agrees to offer a meeting of group leaders with the local government trade unions to set out our assessment of the impacts of this budget settlement and seek to undertake joint action to defend vital local services and jobs.
5. The Council agrees that as part of the North Ayrshire Council budgeting process impact assessments on any proposals will be undertaken to ensure that Elected Members are aware of the impacts of any possible decision. Further, once the 2023/34 North Ayrshire Council budget has been set, Council will work collaboratively to try to mitigate any negative impacts