

Question: CQ14.01

Cabinet – 14th July 2020

Re: Agenda item 14 – Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Question submitted by: Councillor Anthony Negus

The LibDems have fought twice to save this scheme when it was one of the areas under pressure during budget cuts but if a Cabinet decision is to be meaningful it should be based on some level of information.

My first query about this report at Scrutiny was why it was crucial that it should come to Cabinet now, rather than when there was better information. I was told that this was to allow for a consultation should it not be approved but then was told that any extra money would be found. In that case, with no consultation envisaged, why could this report not have been delayed so that it contained more helpful information.

This report is premature and so does not contain any predictions on the effect from Covid on potential demand on this scheme, the possible range of additional funds required to support it and where these are to come from.

Will the mayor withdraw or defer this report?