AMENDMENT TO MOTION

to 9a

CITY COUNCIL
DATE 9th July 2024

Add at end:

"However even if the Council finds some further savings through efficiencies, these are unlikely to be sufficient for the drastic budget cuts the Council is being forced to make.

This will mean further deep cuts to Council services, in addition to the cuts the Council is making this year. This will cause even greater harm to the city's residents. Further cuts will abandon young people and their families, hollow out remaining local services, and will cause our most forgotten communities to be left even further behind.

To protect our libraries, youth centres, community centres, support for vulnerable people, and all the services Birmingham residents rely on, this Council needs sufficient funding to address the real needs in this city.

The Labour Administration has made massive mistakes on equal pay, oracle, and previous budgets. However, it is also true that even the best run Councils are struggling to fund basic services.

This Council therefore believes that the new Labour Government needs to increase funding for local authorities to levels that are sufficient to run good local public services, and to financially support Birmingham according to its needs. Council also believes this cannot be through further increases in the unfair Council Tax.

Council therefore further calls on the Executive to write to the new Labour Government requesting:

- *Immediate further funding for Birmingham City Council, sufficient to stop the large cuts to services and asset sales over the next 3 years.*
- *A financial settlement that reverses real terms cuts to local authority funding over the last 14 years and increases funding for all Councils according to their need.*

Council also calls on the Executive to work with other Local Authorities and the LGA to secure the much-needed increased funding for local councils."

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Councillor Rob Grant

Received on at hours