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Agenda

 Name of meeting
 FULL COUNCIL

 Date
 WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY 2010

 Time
 6.00 PM

 Venue
 COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

 Members of the Council
 All Members of the Council

 Committee
 Committee Administrator: Julie Martin, telephone 823281

PRAYERS led by Revd Brian Harley

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 June 2010 ($\underline{Paper A}$).

2. Declarations of Interest

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. To deal with any questions from members of the public.

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to Committee Services no later than 6.00 pm on Monday, 19 July 2010.



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4. <u>Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and</u> <u>correspondence for the Council.</u>

5. Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution:

By Councillor Geoff Lumley

That Council notes:

- That the increase in VAT from 17.5% to 20% announced in the Government's June Budget will fall hardest on those least able to afford it.
- That the increase in VAT will lead to higher prices for goods and services, will have a disproportionate impact on pensioners and other low income groups; and will have a severe impact on businesses, charities and community groups on the Isle of Wight.
- That the effect of the increase in VAT, when taken with other measures in the Budget, will be unfair to pensioners, who have not had a compensatory increase in other benefits and allowances.
- That the way the VAT increase will affect pensioners and other low income groups runs counter to the Government's Coalition Agreement statement on 20 May 2010 that it would "ensure that fairness is at the heart of those decisions so that all those most in need are protected."
- That the Institute of Fiscal Studies has stated the VAT increase was not "unavoidable," as the Chancellor of the Exchequer said in his Budget speech.

That Council resolves:

To write directly to the Chancellor of the Exchequer raising concerns about the impact of the proposed VAT increase on pensioners, other vulnerable groups and businesses on the Isle of Wight.

6. Annual Fire and Rescue Service Report

To receive and review the Annual Fire and Rescue Service Report (Paper B)

7. Cabinet

(a) To consider the following matter as recommended by the Cabinet at its meeting on the 13 July 2010 :

Budget review 2010/11 (<u>Paper C</u>) - A copy of the report submitted to Cabinet meeting on 13 July 2010 is attached)

Any recommendations arising from the Cabinet meeting will be circulated at the Council meeting (click <u>HERE</u>).

- (b) Cabinet Members and the Chairman of Scrutiny to present a written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy:
 - (i) <u>The Leader and Cabinet Member for Governance and School</u> <u>Improvement</u> (Cllr David Pugh)
 - (ii) <u>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy, Tourism,</u> <u>Leisure and Planning</u> (Cllr George Brown)
 - (iii) Cabinet Member for Resources (Cllr Peter Bingham)
 - (iv) <u>Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee</u> (Cllr Jonathan Bacon)
 - (v) <u>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Housing</u> (Cllr Roger Mazillius)
 - (vi) <u>Cabinet Member for Children's Services</u> (Cllr Dawn Cousins)
 - (vii) <u>Cabinet Member for the Environment and Transport</u> (Cllr Edward Giles)
 - (viii) <u>Cabinet Member for Fire and Community Safety</u> (Cllr Barry Abraham)
 - (ix) <u>Cabinet Member for Major Projects</u>, <u>Performance and</u> <u>Communications</u> (Cllr Tim Hunter-Henderson)

To guarantee a full reply Members must submit a question in writing or by electronic mail to Committee Services no later than 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 20 July 2010. A further period of 10 Minutes will be allowed for oral questions to each Cabinet Member.

DAVINA FIORE Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer 13 July 2010