

Amendment for Motion (3) – Government cuts making Harrow residents poorer

To insert at:

Council notes that:

Harrow's Council Tax Support scheme has been heavily criticised in two independent reports from the Child Poverty Action Group and Zacchaeus 2K.

Harrow's scheme has been described as 'the harshest in the country' and forces Harrow residents in receipt of council tax benefit to pay, on average, £300 more than if they lived elsewhere in London. Harrow's scheme also has the most severe taper rate – making it a disincentive to work, with those who attempt to work (often in low-paid jobs) effectively taxed at 97p in the pound.

This Council believes:

In actions rather than words.

The Council resolves:

To scrap Harrow's Council Tax Support scheme, and adopt all the recommendations of the cross-party Scrutiny review into the CTS scheme.

Proposed by Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Seconded by Cllr. Paul Osborn