

Notice of Motion

Southend Council Financial Situation

19th October 2023

Under the last Labour-led Administration, their April 2022 – April 2023 budget was £6.9 Million overspent and a recent Cabinet paper revealed that the budget that they set and voted for in February 2023 and came into effect from April 2023 is currently running at a projected overspend of £14 Million.

It is currently the worst financial position that this Council has ever faced since it became a Unitary Authority in 1998.

This Council therefore:

1. Notes the last Labour-led Administration's April 2022 - April 2023 budget was £6.9 Million overspent.
2. Notes that the last Labour-led Administration set and voted for the current budget in February 2023, that the budget period commenced in April 2023 was from the outset, financially unrealistic and unachievable, and is running at a current year-end projected overspend of £14 Million.
3. Resolves that the Council takes appropriate measures to reduce the current deficit and get the Council back onto a sound financial footing for the financial year 2024-2025.

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