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Councillor Simon Ball
Elected Member

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Can you provide a detailed breakdown of how council tax revenue is being allocated and how you justify recent increases in light of ongoing service cuts?

As you know the Council produces a Budget and Council Tax report annually to Cabinet and Council that details how Council Tax is calculated and details how it will be spent. The Budget and Council Tax for 2024/25 was approved at Council in February 2024 and as you proposed alternative budget options I assume that you may have received a briefing on how the Council Tax is calculated and allocated in the Budget. The savings being delivered at present were agreed in that Budget.

The Council produces every year a Council Tax guide which is publicised on the Council's website, this document details how the Council calculates its Council Tax and how the Council spends its net revenue budget. There is also a Council Tax leaflet which explains this and refers to the Council Tax Guide which is posted to all households each year, except those who specify to receive it electronically.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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