

<b>NOTICE OF MOTION</b>	<b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
	<b>Mover:</b> Cllr Z Collingham
	<b>Seconder:</b> Cllr A Carter
	<b>Title of Motion:</b> Holding the Labour Government accountable for misleading voters on welfare reform

**The Council notes:**

- The resignation of the RMBC Deputy Leader, Cllr David Sheppard, from the Labour Party in protest over the Government's welfare reform plans, which he describes as targeting the vulnerable in society.
- The Labour Party's 2024 general election campaign included commitments to support vulnerable citizens and oppose austerity measures.
- The proposed welfare reforms are projected to cut £5 billion, primarily by restricting the eligibility for Personal Independence Payments (PIP), adversely affecting disabled individuals.

**The Council believes:**

- Public trust and confidence in the governing Party's principles and values is key in any democracy.
- The Labour Government's proposed welfare reforms represent a significant policy reversal from their election promises and a betrayal of voters' trust.
- The proposed reforms will disproportionately harm the most vulnerable members of society.

**The Council resolves to:**

1. Condemn the Labour Government's proposed welfare reforms and express disappointment at the breaking of election promises.
2. Call upon Labour Group Councillors to publicly oppose the proposed welfare reforms, and advocate for policies that honour election commitments made and support vulnerable residents.
3. Ask the Group Leaders to jointly write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions urging the Government to reconsider its approach to welfare reform and wider management of the economy, ensuring that policies align with election promises made and that they protect the well-being of the most vulnerable.