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Councillor Simon Ball Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Ball

## Question to Council – Wednesday 21st May 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 21st May 2025. I have set out your question and my response below.

The 9 April 2025 motion to condemn welfare cuts and protect Rotherham's 1,640 residents projected to fall into poverty was rejected, why are you prioritising political loyalty over the wellbeing of our most vulnerable?

The Conservative / Liberal Democrat motion, which prioritised political posturing, was rejected by the meeting. However, a more illuminating and useful motion proposed by Cllr Yasseen was endorsed, with my support and that of the Labour Group. As I recall you were otherwise engaged at the time and didn't vote for either motion.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Chris Read

**Leader of Rotherham Council**