

## **Notice of Motion - submitted by Councillor Alasdair Ibbotson**

### **Saving Money, Cutting Cabinet Waste**

#### Flintshire County Council Notes:

- that prior to May 2023, there were eight members of cabinet in Flintshire;
- that there are now ten, a 25% increase in councillors being paid cabinet additional allowances;
- that in that period, there has been no significant increase in powers and duties of local authorities that must be discharged by the cabinet, and
- that the cost of the additional two cabinet members to residents of Flintshire is £38,266 per annum.

#### Flintshire County Council Believes:

- that there is no demonstrable need for an additional two cabinet members, and no evidence that the cabinet as a whole were previously overworked;
- that at a time when the leader claims the council is facing a section 114 notice, and when council tax bills are going up, this unnecessary expenditure is utterly indefensible;
- that any definition of waste in local government must include paying more people to do the same amount of work.

#### Flintshire County Council Resolves:

- that the council's constitution shall be amended to delete the word "nine" in section 5.2.3 ("Form and Composition of the Cabinet") and replace it with "seven".