

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 20 JULY 2022**

### **ITEM 9 – MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council:-

“In view of the current cost of living crisis, with Gas and Electricity costs rising sharply, and rumours of even higher increases coming in the autumn along with diesel prices increases of around 40%. What effect will this have on this council’s projections for this current financial year?

If as I suspect this will have a major impact, how will the Labour led council fund this deficit, will they

- a) Use our reserves to plug the shortfall
- b) Reduce services
- c) Increase council tax by a greater amount than 2% and hold a referendum?”