

COUNCIL – 4 JULY 2012

MEMBERS' QUESTION

Question 1

Councillor J Wing to ask the Executive Member for Finance:

The Department for Communities and Local Government recently issued a consultation document titled 'Localising Support for Council Tax Funding arrangements consultation'. This document proposes changes to the funding of Council Tax benefit that will throw a considerable extra burden from Government to local authorities. The language of the document is extremely difficult to understand and caused great anxiety when it was discussed by Ware Town Council. What are the implications of the change in Council Tax Benefit funding for East Herts Council Tax payers? Has the change of funding been accounted for within the Medium Term Financial Plan? What effect will the new arrangements have on the Council Tax raised by East Herts Parish and Town Councils?