

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL	DATE	
DATE RECEIVED		SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Chris Barry

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SPENDING PRIORITIES IN MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

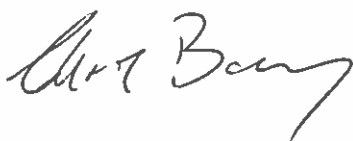
The Council notes that the Leader of the council recently indicated that he had been able to 'find' £200,000. This was earmarked for grass cutting & ground maintenance (£100,000) and street cleansing (£100,000). The news of finding this additional money is welcome. However, it also requires the council to be clear about its spending priorities especially as we know that this year the Council Budget has placed spending cuts on local schools.

In the light of this money being identified by the Leader of the council we must recognise that the wellbeing of our children is our top priority. We know that the benefits of school breakfast clubs are widely recognised and accepted. This Council also recognises that the breakfast club is currently provided by female, part time staff who are amongst the lowest paid in the Local Authority.

Council therefore resolves:

To instruct officers to transfer £150,000 of the money identified by the Leader to be now made available to the schools budgets. This money is to be ring fenced in order to continue to provide the existing level of service of the breakfast club scheme and then to meet other educational needs in our schools.

To allocate £25,000 to grass cutting & ground maintenance and £25,000 to street cleansing



Councillor Chris Barry



Councillor Darren Roberts