

**MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Except for motions which can be moved without notice under Rule 4.01.13 of the Constitution, written notice of every motion signed by at least two Councillors must be delivered to the Proper Officer not later than 12 noon, eight working days before the date of the meeting. These will be entered in a book open to public inspection.

COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL	DATE	2/3/2022
DATE RECEIVED	8/2/2022	SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Andrew Barry

**MOTION:**

*The Community Independent Group request Merthyr Tydfil CBC petition Welsh Government to apply a fixed percentage tax rate to updated (continuous) property values, but retaining existing discounts, premiums and exemptions as proportional reductions or additions to this fixed tax rate.*

*This will be a revaluation with a continuous and proportional system' to remove the banded structure and apply a fixed proportional tax rate to the exact estimated value of each property.*

*We require a commitment from Welsh Government to begin implementation of a revaluation with a continuous and proportional system by April 2023, 20 years after the last revaluation.*

*A move toward a proportional Council Tax system would involve revaluation, that will bring an estimated reduction to the average net council tax bill in Merthyr Tydfil (Band D) of between £180 and £200 per annum under the proportional options.*

*As the Institute for Fiscal Studies has identified Council Tax reform in isolation will be difficult, it will need the associated equitable reforms and guarantees of the mechanisms that produce the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) reviewed along the same timeline.*

*If Welsh Government are to maintain this type of equalisation following revaluation and reform, it will need to adjust the RSG it provides to the LA to reflect the resulting changes in tax bases: increasing the RSG for those whose tax bases fall, such as Merthyr and reducing it for those whose tax bases rise.*

*This needs to be communicated by way of representation to Welsh Government's Minister for Finance Rebecca Evans MS by the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive Officer and by our 151 Officer at the Directors of Finance (151) Officers meetings to relate the magnitude and urgency of the change required, and the response will be fed back to all Members of this Council, the results of which will benefit the residents of Merthyr Tydfil for years to come.*

**Councillor Names:**

**Cllr. Andrew Barry**

**7th February 2022**

**Cllr. Kevin O'Neill**

**7th February 2022**

**Cllr. Declan Sammon**

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**Cllr. John Thomas**

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**Cllr. David Hughes**

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