

## NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER PART 4 RULE 1 PARAGRAPH 10

### Double taxation

Within the Council's area the 12 parish councils deliver some concurrent services and their residents pay for these services through the parish council precept. The Town Councils do not precept their residents for similar services which are funded by Fenland District Council. This results in parish council residents being subject to double taxation by paying for the services through their parish council precept, while at the same time they contribute to the cost of provision for Town Councils through the Fenland District Council's funding on the Council Tax bill. In effect Parish Council residents are paying twice for these services.

Parish Council residents can't see why they should contribute to services in Town Council areas, as well as paying in full (via the precept) for services in their village. In my view it is inequitable if council taxpayers are treated differently for no good reason. Residents in certain areas should not be paying both (in full) for the service in their locality as well as contributing to its provision elsewhere.

I move that the Cabinet undertakes a review on double taxation issues and that the review should include

- Which concurrent functions are in fact being delivered by both the Council and by local councils;
- How those services are being funded and, hence, whether it is the case that double taxation is occurring;
- Which areas are subject to double taxation;
- How that double taxation has come about and whether it is historic or arising now;
- What scale of funding is involved in cases of double taxation, including for individual local councils.
- Options for addressing any double taxation issues identified.

  
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