

Liberal Democrat group Amendment to the Conservative group Motion – Council Tax Freeze, in the names of Cllr Jil Hall and Cllr Victoria Wilson

Add the following wording at the beginning of the Motion :

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And amend the final sentence to read:

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So that Motion now reads

Full Council 14th September 2022

Conservative Group Non-strategic theme motion

Council Tax freeze

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Cllr Nick McLean Cllr Daniel Holden Cllr Thomas Barlow Cllr Max Austin

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