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## **CABINET - QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Monday 12 August 2024  
2.00 pm  
Council House, Plymouth

## **Cabinet**

### **4. Questions from the Public**

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To receive questions from the public in accordance with the Constitution.

Questions, of no longer than 50 words, can be submitted to the Democratic Support Unit, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ, or email to [democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk). Any questions must be received at least five clear working days before the date of the meeting.

**QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC**

Please return your completed question form to Democratic Support, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ or email: [democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk)

Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

<b>Question submitted by: Mike Sheaff</b>
<b>Contact details:</b>
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<b>To the Cabinet Member or Chair for:</b> Councillor Chris Penberthy (Portfolio holder for Performance Management)
<b>To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting:</b>
<b>Date:</b> Cabinet meeting on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
<b>Question (to be no longer than 50 words):</b>
A Council Key Performance Indicator showing improvement in “spending money wisely” is “council tax revenue per dwelling”. Last year’s £76 increase obviously exceeded the £26 rise the previous year when a council tax freeze was imposed. What persuades you that council tax increases provide assurance you are “spending money wisely”?
<b>Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? Yes.</b>

**Response:** ( for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

The Council Tax Revenue per Dwelling is published nationally and is part of Government benchmarking and allows comparison of Local Authorities' varying ability to raise Council Tax income to support service demands.

The level of Council Tax is determined each year at Full Council by democratically elected Members.

It is a useful indicator but it must be remembered Council Tax makes up more than 50% of Plymouth City Council's core revenue funding, to provide over 300 core services.

A Council Tax increase is not something we do lightly given the pressures most households are already facing but the alternative would mean taking away services that people need and rely on. We can promise Plymouth residents that we will continue to be dogged about providing value for money and making every pound count.