

## **Notice of Motion**

### **Motion to be moved by Councillor Smith:**

Council notes that the Liberal Democrat Group argued, several months ago, that they could make no firm commitment to some funding for school uniforms as the Labour Government had not, at that point, confirmed funding for the Household Support Fund (HSF).

Council welcomes the HSF allocation from the Labour Government that was later confirmed as a full year allocation.

Council also notes the continued pressure on families to provide school uniforms at a time when cost-of-living challenges remain, and that, despite a Labour led recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, to increase the amount allocated to school uniforms in the HSF to reflect inflationary pressures, the Liberal Democrat Cabinet refused to listen, and the amount remains at a mere £56,000.

Council resolves to call on the Leader of the Council and the Liberal Democrat Cabinet to revisit the allocation in the HSF for School Uniform Grants and increase it by at least the rate of inflation, and to ensure this fund is widely advertised, including how to claim it.

Sources:

Household Support Fund 2025/26 (HSF7) and Final Outturn for October 2024 to 31 March 2025 (HFS6)