

COUNCIL MEETING – 17 OCTOBER 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.28 AND 29

QUESTION NO.	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO	QUESTION
1/18	Councillor Lawton	The Mayor	<p>I refer to a recently published interview in the Gazette with Mayor Budd in which he referred to the problems that this Conservative government is creating for all local authorities with their 8 year-long austerity policy, with those policies still continuing into the future despite fine words but no action from the government, see the continued roll-out of Universal Credit. This concern expressed by Mayor Budd is both relevant and serious because of the destructive impact on all services but particularly child care and health care services in Middlesbrough. When did these concerns first raise their head with Mayor Budd and shouldn't he have brought these concerns to the attention of this Council much earlier in an emergency meeting if necessary (considering the continued negative impact this government policy is having on the financial management of Middlesbrough funding) and why is it left to a Gazette article for this chamber to discover just how serious Mayor Budd's concerns are over these issues? Why didn't Mayor Budd inform this chamber of his concerns over this shortage of money and resulting failure to successfully manage the functions Middlesbrough Council?</p>