

## **P-06-1320 Allocate additional funding to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to ensure its sustainability**

This petition was submitted by Mark Fisher, having collected a total of 1,893 signatures.

### **Text of Petition:**

The sustainability of the local government services delivered across Neath Port Talbot will be significantly challenged if additional Government funding is not provided. The ongoing impact of Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine are creating an unprecedented demand on already strained council services. We estimate a shortfall of £5million for 2022-23 and a further £20million for 2023-24. Our communities are struggling with the cost of living crisis and any increase in council tax must be avoided.

### **Additional Information:**

We require sufficient additional resources for the Council to continue to support our communities through these crises, maintain the essential services that people rely upon and to bring about long term improvements in the environmental, cultural, social and economic wellbeing of our residents. Without these monies, the only alternative is to cut jobs and services, undermining democratic accountability if services are lost to the private or third sectors and depleting reserves. After over a decade of austerity measures, there are no soft options left. The education of our children and young people, care and support for children and vulnerable people (including those who are homeless, refugees or asylum seekers), maintenance of the public realm and wider Council services will be degraded. Local government terms and conditions will fall further behind public and private sector comparators compounding the challenges of resourcing our organisation in a highly competitive labour market.

### **Senedd Constituency and Region**

- Aberavon
- South Wales West