

QUESTION SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER 15

*“Now that the referendum is over we know for certain that the Scottish public sector will take a £5bn cash cut in the 3 years 2016 to 2019. The only possible hope of avoiding this level of cuts was a Yes vote but the No voters confirmed this level of cuts was what they were content with.*

*The council leader is already on record as saying that there will be no school closures but with education being the single largest element of our expenditure, what does the council leader intend to do to prepare this council, and our education service, for our share of these cuts? Will he agree to start an all member discussion group on financial policy for the remainder of this council? Will he listen to those not in his inner circle or does he plan to do as little as possible and park the problem until the next council elections?”*

Councillor Michael Breslin