

Public Written Questions and the Responses

Full Council – 16 October 2024

Question to Councillor Jones (Leader of the Council) from Mr Burnham (Bewbush)

Crawley's Labour MP, Peter Lamb has voted to keep the 2 child benefit cap and to scrap the winter Fuel allowance from millions of poor pensioners. Does any Councillor oppose how Peter Lamb has voted on these 2 issues.

Response

Mr Burnham raises the voting record of the local Member of Parliament on areas of policy that the Borough Council is not accountable for. Individual councillors will have their own opinions on a variety of issues, but the purpose of public question time at council meetings is to obtain the policy or operational view of the council as a whole.

Mr Burnham may have seen on the published agenda for this meeting that there are two motions later this evening which may partly or in whole answer his question during the course of the debate that follows, with the webcast broadcast live and then archived on the council's YouTube channel.

Crawley Borough Council will continue to assist residents with money worries as best we can, with the resources that are available, signposting them to local organisations that provide practical support and advice with the cost of living, as well as raising awareness of assistance residents may be entitled to, including eligibility to claim pension credits and use of the Household Support Fund, the latter which has been renewed by the current Government following doubts the previous Government would commit to its continuation.