

**CABINET – 18 DECEMBER 2012**

**ITEM 4 - PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**Public Questions**

**Question (1) from Mr David Beaman**

On 8 October 2012, the Chancellor of The Exchequer announced provision of an additional £450 million to assist local authorities keep Council Tax for 2013/2014 frozen for a third year. Surrey County Council was one of the few local authorities that rejected the offer of a similar grant last year and, as a consequence, Council Tax charges for the current 2012/2013 year for residents of Surrey had to be increased by 2.5% in April. Have any circumstances changed that will allow Surrey County Council to accept this additional grant and allow Council Tax charges for 2013/2014?

**Reply:**

To be tabled at the meeting.

**David Hodge  
Leader of the Council  
18 December 2012**

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