Dear Councillor

**BUDGET CUTS AT NOTTNGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

I am writing to you as a Nottingham City resident who lives in the ward that you represent.

I am aware of the appalling level of government underfunding to many local authorities and that Nottingham City Council has lost an average of £97m each year over the last ten years.

The proposed cuts for 2024/2025 threaten some crucial front-line services that vulnerable children and adults rely on. I am also aware of threatened cuts to Community Protection services, lunch clubs, community centres, the Welfare Rights Service, and many other services that Nottingham City Council provides.

I call on you as an elected councillor to speak out publicly against these cuts and to join with your colleagues to campaign for urgent financial support from central government. There is recent precedent of the government giving financial support to struggling councils. Northamptonshire County Council received additional financial support of £70m in 2018, and Surrey County Council received £100m of additional financial support in 2022.

I hope that as part of any campaign you mobilise support from local people, such as organising open meetings in our ward, where you can involve people in this campaign. I do not want you to simply accept government underfunding and just pass on the consequences by cutting council jobs and services. Additionally, if the budget that you will be voting on, on 4 March 2024, contains cuts, I would hope that you would vote against this.

Yours sincerely

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