

Non Executive Business Item – 3.8: Councillor John Marshall

No increase in Council Tax in 2013-14

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

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And add after:

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Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.