

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 18 – Members’ Questions

From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central

**To Councillor Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Development Control,
Strategic Planning, Finance, Procurement and Commissioning**

Question (22-15)

How has/ will the Chancellor’s mini budget affect council finances?

Response:

At this point there is insufficient information to fully understand the effect of government’s ‘mini budget’ announcement last week. Of note and more concern is the effect of the significant increases in inflation seen nationally which are under constant review, and an assessment of the impact has been included in the recent Q1 budget monitoring report presented to Cabinet on 27 September. Updates to these assessments will be included in the next report due to be presented to Cabinet in November. Announcements from government on the department spending allocations will be under careful review as we move towards the Autumn budget statement and Provisional Finance Settlement expected in December.