Motion submitted for Council 17th January 2018.

Due to financial pressures faced by this authority, the council are forced to look at measures to make efficiencies and generate revenue. All areas should be explored by this council.

From April, the council will bring in a charge to residents for brown waste collections which is a non-statutory service, and increase car parking charges in our town centres. For the "jewel in the crown", Worden Park, the council is proposing to introduce car park charges, and in last year's budget it was forecast council tax will rise this year putting a greater burden on residents.

We feel that as Councillors we should be the ones who lead by example in these difficult financial times.

Therefore, this council agrees free of charge committee meals for elected members should be abolished with immediate effect in line with many other local authorities, to ease the pressure on this council's budget and to demonstrate our support to our local residents and businesses.

Proposed by Councillor Paul Wharton

Seconded by Councillor Claire Hamilton

Submitted 4th January 2018

