**The Leader of the Council, Councillor Margaret Smith has received a written question from Councillor David Howarth as follows**:

‘Could the Leader advise the council as to the cost of production, circulation and staff time in delivering the leaflet entitled ‘Budget Proposals - Have your say?’

Given that the decision was taken at the Cabinet on 13th February, in what way was this a genuine consultation as opposed to a statement of intent by your administration at the council tax payers expense?