

## **APPENDIX**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION - FAIR TAX DECLARATION**

**Proposed by Councillor P Williams and Seconded by Councillor N Mannion**

Some 25 local authorities across England, Wales and Scotland have so far signed up to the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration - [Councils for Fair Tax Declaration - Fair Tax Foundation](#)

This commits councils to do what they can to encourage fair tax practices among supplier companies when buying goods and services and calls for more powers to exclude companies with links to tax havens from their procurement processes.

Research commissioned by the Fair Tax Foundation from DatLab reveals that between 2014 and 2019 some 17.5% of UK public procurement contracts were won by businesses with connections to a tax haven. Those contracts were worth a combined value of £37.5bn. Furthermore, the UK loses an estimated £17bn in corporation tax revenues as a result of profit shifting alone.

Recent polls show that two thirds of people (66%) questioned believe that the Government and local councils should consider a company's ethics and how they pay their tax alongside criteria such as value for money or quality of service when awarding contracts.

Our neighbouring authority, Cheshire West and Chester has already signed up to the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration, along with authorities as varied as Edinburgh, Oxford, Lincoln, Reading, Cannock Chase and Exeter.

### **MOTION**

Recognising that Cheshire East Council already meets some of the requirements of the Fair Tax Declaration, Council resolves to sign-up to the Declaration in its entirety.