

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, 11 April 2018**

**1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR GREENSLADE**

**Re: Partnership Agreement and Democratic Authority – Response to Supplementary Question**

I refer to my question at the March Cabinet Meeting, no 4 Partnership Agreement and Democratic Authority.

In this question I asked Councillor Leadbetter to explain what the Partnership Agreement signed by the Chief Executive meant and whether this had been made available to Health Scrutiny for consideration?

His answer did not respond to this question and accordingly I raised this by way of a supplementary question.

Cllr Leadbetter promised to get back to me, presumably, with an answer.

At the time of submitting this question I still await the promised response from Cllr Leadbetter.

Will he now answer the outstanding question?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR LEADBETTER**

A response on this matter has been sent to Councillor Greenslade.

**2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR CONNETT**

**Re: Free School Meals and MP Voting**

The respected Institute of Fiscal Studies has highlighted that the refusal of the Government to increase the £7,400 earnings cut-off point in line with the cost of living will see 100,000 children deprived of free school dinners by 2022.

A further 60,000 children are also likely to miss out because of other changes to the benefits system.

The IFS also confirmed that a million more children would get free lunches if the Government continued its temporary policy of giving the benefit to all families who currently receive Universal Credit.

And in a direct contradiction of claims by the Work and Pensions Secretary Esther McVey, the IFS warned some children who currently receive free school meals will lose that benefit once Universal Credit is introduced.

How did each Member of Parliament across Devon vote on the school meals issue?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES**

The information Cllr Connett seeks is freely available here in the Hansard record of the division. <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2018-03-13/division/EA731F6F-8180-4E80-B295-3B418A216D79/UniversalCredit?outputType=Names>