The council want to use £3m of the £12m Single status money which is money set aside to give **council workers equal pay.**

Councillor Eade said:-

“This council’s Labour administration has failed miserably over the past 9 years to settle the equalisation of pay and conditions for its staff– despite various promises and commitments to do so.

As a consequence a pot of public money has been amassed to the tune of £11.9m which has been left sitting to gather dust due to the inaction of this administration.

We have continually been told by finance officers that it is only prudent to use £1m out of the £12m pot for other projects,

Consequently, I would like to be advised of three things by the Cabinet member for Finance which are fundamental to our future financial strategy and I expect a verbal answer.

Firstly: - exactly what advice has changed now that it is considered safe to spend £3m Single Status money?

Secondly: Do you believe that your strategy of robbing the single status pot of £3m is storing up financial problems for the future **when we will inevitably need to settle single status?**

**And lastly when are you going to value past and present staff by applying fairness and settling single status for them?**