

Matters from County Hall

A motion to ask the Chancellor to reconsider the level at which Winter Fuel Payments to pensioners are made was passed at County Hall last week. As an opposition, while we take the view that the payment should not be universal, the criterion (of being in receipt of pension credits) is problematic, as some 800,000 pensioners should be claiming the credits but are not doing so.

The Combined County Authority Deal may not happen in its current iteration, as the new Government are asking Local Authorities to work across wider geographical areas. Tudor Evans, Leader of Plymouth City Council, has expressed fresh interest in a deal involving Plymouth, Devon, Cornwall and Torbay, uniting around 1.82 million residents and 74,500 businesses. As such, we are back to the negotiating stage.

Cllr Dan Thomas