## More money for Councils

The government has recognised that Councils have incurred higher costs as a result of the pandemic and policy responses to it. Parliament has approved two tranches of £1.6bn each and a third tranche of £500m this month to help Councils meet their greater obligations. I have supported the case for Wokingham and West Berkshire as have other MPs for their areas.

In total West Berkshire is receiving an additional  $\pounds 8,597,006$  and Wokingham  $\pounds 8,302,714$ . The share of the latest tranche is  $\pounds 1,015,669$  to Wokingham and  $\pounds 1,037,936$  to West Berkshire.

There is also a scheme for government to reimburse Councils for the bulk of the loss of income they have incurred from facilities like car parks during the lock downs.