

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4(1)

A. Councillors Paulette Hamilton and John Cotton have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“The Council notes that yet again patients and staff in Birmingham are facing an appalling and entirely predictable winter crisis. Eight years of severe underfunding have left our National Health Service teetering on the brink of collapse, leaving thousands of patients languishing in the back of ambulances and being diverted from A&E Departments nationwide this winter. This crisis in our hospitals is further exacerbated by the Government's repeated failure to properly fund adult social care, which will result in the opening up of a shocking £2.5 billion gap in the funding of adult social care by 2019/20, This nationwide failure is damaging standards of care and placing an intolerable strain on Birmingham City Council's services.

Council calls on the Government to urgently provide funding to enable the swift rescheduling of cancelled operations and end this winter of misery. Council condemns the current NHS pay cap for all staff and the scrapping of the university training bursary for health students as significant contributors to the current staffing crisis.

The Council is committed to an NHS which is fully-funded, comprehensive, universal, publicly-provided and publicly accountable, in line with the principles established when Labour introduced it.

We therefore call on the Government to reverse recent funding cuts and invest in our health service, and to take urgent action to save the NHS by:

- providing immediate emergency funding to enable Trusts to reschedule elective operations as soon as possible
- providing adequate funding for all services, including adult social care and mental health services.
- tackling the causes of ill-health, e.g. austerity, poverty and poor housing, via a properly funded public health programme
- reversing private involvement in NHS management and provision;
- recognition of the continuing vital NHS role of EU nationals;
- Constructive engagement with NHS staff-organisations
- increasing recruitment and training
- scrapping the cap on pay-levels;
- restoration of NHS student bursaries;
- halting the sell-off of NHS sites;

The Council requests that the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, demanding that they give the NHS the support and resources it urgently needs, and asking what they will do to make sure patients and their families in Birmingham never suffer a winter crisis like this year ever again."

B. Councillors Debbie Clancy and Des Flood have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

"This Council believes that as the City's parks belong to people of the City and are funded through their taxes that we should keep them free to use and access. As such there should be no charges introduced for car parking in any City park."