

## Notice of Motion

### Motion to be moved by Councillor Dad:

Council notes the recent announcement from the Chancellor who plans to cut billions in welfare spending, likely focusing on benefits such as:

- Support for individuals experiencing long-term sickness, including those relying on Universal Credit and the Employment and Support Allowance.
- Personal Independence Payments (PIP), a crucial financial lifeline for disabled people and those with chronic illnesses.

Council further notes that the Prime Minister has openly admitted that the majority of proposed government savings will come from cutting welfare benefits. This reckless approach will inflict devastating harm on the most vulnerable in our communities, stripping away the dignity, independence, and security that these vital payments provide.

Council further notes that these proposed cuts will disproportionately target those who are already struggling to survive in the midst of a cost of living crisis. It is an unacceptable assault on people with disabilities, those with chronic illnesses, and their carers - who now face the threat of further economic hardship.

Council specifically rejects the Government's attack on Personal Independence Payments. PIP is not a luxury, it is a fundamental support that allows disabled individuals to live with independence, access essential services, and participate in society. Looking to target PIP for £5 billion of cuts is an outright betrayal of the principles of fairness, inclusion, and support for those in need.

Council stands resolutely against any attempt to undermine this essential benefit and calls on the Government to halt its plans immediately.

Council resolves to formally condemn the Government's approach to welfare reform, which prioritises short-term savings over the well-being and dignity of the most vulnerable in society.

Council also resolves to request the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor, expressing the Council's concern around these plans and urge the Government to reverse the decision and instead focus on sustainable and fair economic policies, rather than punishing those who need support the most.

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