

Notice of Motion

Motion to be moved by Councillor Chambers:

Council notes that the social care system in England is in crisis. For many years the system has been severely underfunded, leaving vulnerable people without the care they desperately need.

Council further notes that successive governments have promised to address the crisis in health and social care but have consistently failed to deliver the necessary reforms and funding to ensure a sustainable system.

Council notes with concern that the Labour Government proposals around phased reforms to social care, under the leadership of the Health Secretary, Wes Streeting, fall short of the funding and reforms urgently needed. The failure to properly fund social care has resulted in increasing pressure on the NHS, with inadequate social care provision to support them at home or in the community.

Council further notes that cuts to winter fuel payments and rise in National Insurance contributions have exacerbated the struggles faced by vulnerable individuals, many of whom rely on these payments to keep warm and healthy during colder months. This decision reflects a worrying lack of commitment to supporting older people and those with additional care needs.

Council notes that the demand for social care services continues to rise year on year as people live longer, yet the funding available to local authorities has failed to keep pace with this increasing need. As a result, we have seen unacceptable delays in access to care home places, home care support, and essential home adaptations.

Council declares a social care emergency.

Council resolves to request that the Leader of the Council writes to the Government to:

- ask that the conclusion of the social care review is brought forward so that it is completed within a year, and
- call for an immediate funding settlement to tackle the rising crisis in social care.

Council also condemns the Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves National Insurance Contribution rise which will damage the social care sector and calls for that rise to be abolished.

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