

MEETING**COUNCIL****DATE AND TIME****TUESDAY 5 MARCH, 2013****AT 6.00 PM****VENUE****HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, NW4 4BG**

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting.

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Extraordinary Council Meeting - Tuesday, 5 March 2013

Opposition Business Item- Councillor Barry Rawlings

AGENDA ITEM 4

The emerging crisis in local health service funding

Amendment in the name of Councillor Helena Hart

Council believes that the Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has the capacity to be one of the most successful CCGs in the Country and is therefore dedicated to ensuring that everything possible is done to achieve this.

Council is therefore most concerned that the shortfall of approximately £9million in the CCGs allocation (announced in December) could prove to be detrimental to the CCG's ability to provide quality healthcare and health services for the London Borough of Barnet's extremely large and growing population.

The Barnet Health and Well-Being Board (HWBB) has received regular updates on the progress for CCG Authorisation and finances. The Board has become aware that, despite a record of good progress by the NHS in Barnet in recovering the financial position, the CCG allocations have significantly increased the financial challenge to the NHS in Barnet.

The HWBB recognises that the allocations continue to be reviewed. However, it expressed real concern about the potential shortfall in allocations outside the influence of Barnet CCG - which is in the order of £9million.

Council therefore asks the Leader - with the endorsement of the Leaders of the Opposition parties - to write to the NHS Commissioning Board London Director, Dr. Anne Rainsberry, requesting that the Barnet CCG allocation is further reviewed and the outcome of this reported back to the Chairman of the Barnet Health and Well-Being Board. “

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Amendment in the name of Councillor Arjun Mitra

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Substantive to read:

Council believes there is an emerging crisis in local health service funding, including the news announced last week that Barnet's CCG funding is £90million less than planned.

Council believes this lower funding allocation could have a devastating effect on Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals and health provision in Barnet, and comes at a time when health services and budgets are already stretched to the point of collapse.

Council calls for a cross party delegation of local Councillors, the local MPs and Assembly Member to request a meeting with the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health to discuss the implications of the health funding situation in Barnet and lobby for more resources.

Council also invites LB Enfield, and their local MPs and Assembly Member to attend also.

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