

Council: Tuesday, 20 January 2015

Opposition Motion: Councillor Alison Moore

Protecting the vulnerable

Council notes that the Barnet Conservatives often play lip service to supporting the most vulnerable and those in need, enabling people to live independent lives and helping them live at home, and assisting people to get back to work.

Council also notes that the Barnet Conservatives say they are trying to tackle child poverty.

Council does not believe that the recently announced policy of increasing council tax for those least able to afford it will help.

Council notes that the Barnet Conservatives have failed to provide enough affordable housing, failed to provide sufficient affordable child care, have happily implemented the hated Bedroom Tax, and have cut crucial council services - all adding up to a perfect storm for people who are already struggling financially.

Council believes that more families will be forced into poverty if those on the Council Tax Support Scheme are asked to increase their council tax, and therefore, Council asks that this policy is abandoned or implementation halted until sufficient discretionary support is in place for those in most need.