Council: 25 July 2017

Agenda Item 14.4 – Administration amendment in the name of CIIr Helena Hart

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Phil Cohen – NHS funding in North London

Delete all except for words which are not in bold and replace with:

Council notes that the latest NCL Sustainability and Transformation Plan states that if nothing is done there will be an estimated £811 million deficit across the NHS in North Central London in 2020/21 with a funding gap across North London Councils on Social Care and Public Health of a further £247 million.

Council also notes with concern that the Plan further states that despite their work to deliver efficiencies in the way that health and care is delivered, this has not been enough to bring their Plan into financial balance and warns that difficult choices will have to be made.

Despite assurances from the STP Convenor that there are no plans for changes to local health services beyond those set out in the STP Plan, in view of the marked and constant lack of democratic local political involvement and input permitted into the process from the outset, Council remains extremely concerned as to what measures will have to be taken to close the financial gap and the effect that these will have on the quality, quantity and accessibility of health services for Barnet residents.

Barnet politicians have led the way in highlighting both the lack of progress in integrating health and social care services across the five London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington and the lack of democratic input.

Council calls on the NHS to start taking these concerns seriously and to consult properly and in a timely fashion with Barnet residents and their democratically elected representatives and on all members of this Council to continue to support the Leader, the Health & Wellbeing Board and the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in all their efforts to hold the NHS to account.