

Extraordinary Council Meeting - Tuesday, 5 March 2013

Opposition Business Item- Councillor Barry Rawlings

The emerging crisis in local health service funding

Amendment in the name of Councillor Arjun Mitra

Add at the end:

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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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