

**Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021**

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Ross Houston**

**Encouraging every eligible resident to get their Covid-19 vaccine booster shots**

Council notes the following:

- Vaccines are a safe and proven method of reducing both the risk and the transmissibility of Covid-19.
- At the same time, there is growing evidence that their declines over time, particularly in the case of the Pfizer vaccine. This decline appears to start from six months after the second dose. For this reason, the booster vaccine is recommended, as it will extend the protection for a longer time.
- Since 16 September the NHS has been offering booster vaccines to those most at risk of COVID-19, to ensure that those most at risk, and those on the frontline such as care workers, are protected as we head into winter.

Council therefore resolves as follows:

- As a Council, we will continue to support community and NHS efforts to encourage take up of first and second vaccines, for those who have not already received them.
- We will support the roll out of booster vaccines in the same wholehearted way, so Barnet residents are fully protected from this terrible virus.
- As Councillors we will encourage residents to receive their boosters. We will set a positive example by doing so ourselves when offered.