

Amendment for Motion (6) – NHS

To insert after “opposition to these market driven plans to privatise the NHS from the backdoor in the name of modernisation” and before “This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the 3 MPs to express our concerns about the risk to the NHS” the following:

‘This Council notes for information that, under the existing organisational structure of the National Health Service:

1. Harrow Primary Care Trust (PCT) was rated as the sixth worst PCT in the country in 2010 (138th out of 144) by the Health Service Journal, with the second worst competency rating.
2. Despite receiving 5% extra funding from the previous government, Harrow PCT is making up to £57 million of cuts during this year to tackle its own financial mismanagement. Harrow PCT's former chief executive said that its financial problems were "probably bigger than any other PCT in London".
3. Harrow PCT has already cut £2 million out of mental health services, vital to some of Harrow's most vulnerable residents, and is now looking to cut IVF and other services.
4. Harrow PCT ranks in the bottom third for England and the bottom 15% for London for recovery rates for depression and anxiety, with just 35% of patients given psychological therapy for depression and anxiety returning to full health. Harrow PCT ranks 25th out of 29 in London, and 111th out of 152 nationwide.
5. Harrow PCT abruptly closed the Pinner Village Surgery in 2010 without proper consultation and weak justification, inconveniencing thousands of Harrow residents.’

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition



Cllr. Simon Williams
Harrow on the Hill Ward



Amendment for Motion (7) – Step Free Access

To insert after: “This Council congratulates Campaigners who have continued to keep the issue of step free access at Harrow’s stations in the public eye” and before “This Council instructs that the Chief Executive write to the Mayor of London” the following:

‘This Council notes that the collapse of Metronet has delayed getting step-free access for Harrow on the Hill station.

This Council further notes that using capital presently earmarked for investment for revenue support purposes would necessarily reduce the funds available for infrastructure works on the Underground network and thus create further delays in securing the funds for implementing step-free access upgrades at Harrow on the Hill and other stations across Harrow.’

Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition



Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition



Amendment for Motion (8) – London Living Rent

To insert after “strong communities to be built in the borough” and before “This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Harrow’s 3 MPs...” the following:

‘This Council notes for information that rent control, of which the London Living Rent is a variant, has been described by Swedish economist Assar Lindbeck “as the most efficient technique presently known for destroying a city – apart from bombing.”

‘This Council therefore refers this motion to Cabinet with a recommendation that it commission a report from the Housing Department on the impact the London Living Rent would have on Harrow; specifically with regard to housing demand and supply.

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition



Cllr. Paul Osborn
Vice-Chairman, Overview & Scrutiny



Amendment for Motion (13) – Council Tax

To insert after: “recognises the challenge the Council faces next year in budgeting with its commitment to protect services on which our residents depend” and before: “This Council calls on Government to provide funding to Local Authorities for a Council Tax freeze in the next financial year – 2013/14”, the following:

‘This Council notes for information that on page 36 of the Budget, under the title *Council Tax Strategy*, paragraph 15 states:

“The assumed Council tax increase from 2013-14 is 2.5% per year, however it should be noted that if the Government were to offer a one year only Council tax freeze again next year, it is unlikely that the Council would be able to accept this due to the adverse effects on the Council tax base for future years.”

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