Additional Full Council Motions:

Leeds City Council – 11 July 2012

'That this Council notes with great concern the decision by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts not to retain Leeds as a designated surgical centre for children's congenital cardiac surgery services.

The decision will leave 5.5 million people in Yorkshire and Humber, and the 14 million people living within a 2 hour drive of Leeds, severely and disproportionately disadvantaged. Council believes the decision fails to adequately acknowledge the gold standard provision Leeds offers to patients and families as a result of the colocation of services.

This Council confirms its support for a referral of the JCPCT's decision to the secretary of state, given the significant adverse impact the plan would have on the population of this region and our local health services.'

City of York Council – 12 July 2012

Council unanimously supported a previous motion in April 2011, to lobby for the retention of the Children's Heart Unit at Leeds General Infirmary.

The Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac Services in England undertaken by the NHS Specialised Services Safe and Sustainable Programme continues to be fully supported by the Council as a member of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Yorkshire and the Humber. We recognise that specialists centres providing 24/7 care are essential to ensure safe, high quality care in a highly specialised clinical area.

However, we are concerned at the way the Meetings held by the JCPCT have been conducted. They have not shared information, no papers were available at the final Meeting of the JCPCT held in London on Wednesday 4th July, this meeting while, held in public, did not make available any of the documentation being considered by them, and the agenda was only published on Friday 29th June at 17.40 hours.

CYC therefore request a Meeting with the Secretary of State for Health, Mr Andrew Lansley to share these concerns which do not comply with Department of Health Guidance on openness in the NHS, and for Mr Lansley to give answers to the many unanswered questions put to the JCPCT by the Yorkshire and Humber Overview and Scrutiny Committee.'

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council – 12 July 2012

'Agreed that this Council is dismayed by the decision of the NHS to close the children's heart surgery unit in Leeds and resolves to join the other Yorkshire local authorities in calling on the health secretary to reconsider the decision.'