

COUNCIL MEETING – 11TH JULY 2018

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White Paper	WP2	2/7/18	3/7/18

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Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Health, Wellbeing and Adults)
Relevant Director	Director of Adults and Health

Whilst this Council welcomes the recent moderate funding increase announced by the Government to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS it notes with some concern that opportunities to improve Social Care have been missed again. We find this particularly disappointing when Government itself has clearly recognised the link between the health and social care sectors with the creation of the Cabinet post of Secretary of Health and Social Care.

In the Council's opinion social care is and remains an integral and crucial element to providing safe, effective and timely care in the NHS and the wider health and social care sectors. Furthermore it is Council's view that social care requires 'parity of esteem', a long term funding solution and support, like NHS funding, from central taxation.

Council's also notes that future funding for social care in the City cannot continue to be passed onto communities in the form of the Social Care Precept. This Council therefore calls on Government to seek to introduce a single ring-fenced tax for health and social care in line with the recently produced report 'Health and Social Care - Delivering a Secure Funding Future'. This single tax would replace the current National Insurance taxation and provisions and would be fairer, transparent and equitable.

Furthermore this Council calls on Government to seek to introduce an independent Office of Budget Responsibility of Health and Social Care who would oversee and be responsible for the spending of this ring-fenced tax.

Finally, it is the view of this Council that only such radical proposals will secure the future of the NHS for a further thirty years and help bring to an end the prolonged period of underfunding for and neglect of Social Care.

Deadlines for submission

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| White Papers | - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons |
| Questions | - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting |
| Amendments | - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting |

(including references back)

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)
