

COUNCIL MEETING – 15th January 2025

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Submitted by: Councillor Caroline Anderson
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Active Lifestyles and Culture)
 Relevant Director: Director of Adults and Health

This Council believes the Labour Government and the Labour Administration in Leeds are failing to prioritise the needs of vulnerable older residents.

Despite promises to reform adult social care, Labour Ministers have proven to be empty vessels now they are in power, with reforms kicked into the long grass and yet another expensive commission not due to report until the end of this Parliament.

A recent Nuffield Trust report on the Autumn Budget noted: *“social care was not so much left out in the cold as pushed right to the edge of a cliff”*. Commenting on the announcement of another commission, the President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services said: *“continuing to tread water until a commission concludes will be at the detriment of people’s health and wellbeing”*.

Council notes the loss of the winter fuel payment and the harm inflicted upon the third sector, including charities and advocacy groups, brought on by, amongst other burdens, the increase in employers’ national insurance contributions, will make a difficult situation even worse for the sector. Council supports the lobbying of former Labour Councillor Kim Groves, now Chair of Third Sector Leeds, who is calling on the Chancellor to exempt the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector from increased national insurance costs.

Furthermore, Council rejects the Administration’s proposal to cut the budget of the city’s much-valued Neighbourhood Networks and believes these organisations need support to provide help for older people given new pressures arising from government actions.

Council calls on the Administration to abandon its plans to make cuts to Neighbourhood Networks and requests a report to Executive Board detailing the cost of increasing employers’ national insurance contributions within the sector and the impact of delaying reforms to adult social care.

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Deadlines for submission

- 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)
