

Amendments to Notices of Motion

The Council is requested to consider the following amendment, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9)

(1) Notice of Motion No. 6 (Renumbered as 4) – CRISIS IN SOCIAL CARE

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Alan Brighouse

Insert after para 1...

Council has had only a limited opportunity, so far, to fully interpret the provisional local government finance settlement announced on 15 December 2016, but believes that the combination of increased Council Tax, use of the Better Care Fund and the changes to the New Homes Bonus, are not capable of addressing the underlying problems and pressures faced by this and many other authorities.

Council notes that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has stated that 'when we allocate billions of funding from the Better Care Fund, we take into account the council tax raising power of each area' but has also introduced new targets before the New Homes Bonus can be secured.

In (new) para 6, insert...

'genuinely' after "the failure to deliver..."

Insert after (new) para 6 (ends '...their independence and wellbeing.')

Council asks officers to assess what can be achieved with what the Government has described as the 'improved' Better Care Fund and to establish how Wirral's predicted share relates to the Relative Needs Formula.

Council notes that comments have been made at the way the Better Care Fund is being used, with praise directed at some areas and criticisms made of others. Council therefore awaits publication of the 'Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework' so that our local progress can be ascertained.

In the meantime, the Council will continue to work through the Local Government Association to ensure that their Chairman's statement that 'There needs to be an urgent and fundamental review of social care and health before next year's spring Budget' is vigorously pursued.