

Report of the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Adult Social Services

Petition to Council on Support for Vulnerable People

Summary

1. A petition to Council on the subject of support to vulnerable people was submitted to the Budget Council meeting of 24 February and read as follows:

"We believe that vulnerable people should get the support they need to be part of our community.

This includes people with a mental illness, learning, physical or sensory disabilities, older people and carers.

We call on the Council to maintain previously ring-fenced funding, such as the Mental Health Grant and Supporting People Grant and not to make cuts to services to less visible groups, such as people with mental health needs.

We call on the Council to ask our MPs for York Central and York Outer to raise in Parliament the unfair and economically unsound way in which cuts to Council funding will disproportionately affect support to vulnerable people."

2. Given that the petition attracted in excess of 1000 signatories this triggered the constitutional requirement for the issues raised to be debated at Full Council. This debate took place on 7 April 2011 with it being resolved following the debate that the petition be referred back to the Executive to determine any appropriate action.
3. Attached at Annex 1 is the report of the Director of Adults, Children and Education which was produced to facilitate the April debate at Full Council. A further meeting of Council was held on 30 June 2011 when amendments to the original budget of the

council were made. These amendments included a reversal of the rise in adult social services personal support, day care activities and transport by 50% and a reversal of the cut to health and disability assessment. The changes do not match the call in the petition to “maintain previously ring-fenced funding, such as the Mental Health Grant and Supporting People Grant”. I understand the Leader of the Council has as a result communicated with local MPs in line with recommendations contained within the petition.

Recommendation

4. Cabinet is asked, in line with Full Council recommendations, to review whether any further action in response to the petition is still required.

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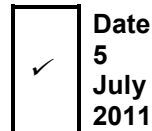
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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

Wards Affected:

All ✓

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Annex

Annex 1: Paper to Full Council, dated 7 April 2011 ‘Petition to Council on Support for Vulnerable People’