

A G E N D A

Mayor's Announcements

1. To receive Mayor's Announcements.

Declarations of Interest

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

Minutes

3. The Mayor to sign the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on 27 January 2015 (Pages A1-A12)

Petitions

4. To receive petitions in accordance with Standing Order 8.

Questions from Members of the Public

5. Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

Questions from Councillors

6. Questions in accordance with Standing Order 10.

Reports and Recommendations from Committees

7. Corporate Plan and Budget 2015-18

Report by Corporate Management Team (Pages B1-B145)

Motions

8. Underfunding of Health and Council Social Care

Councillor Eden to move:

This Council notes:

1. The pressure being put on the NHS locally and nationally because of the underfunding of both health and Council social care.
2. The impact that delayed discharges have on patients and their families and the substantial work done by this council to minimise this compared with our immediate neighbours.

3. That Reading was one of only 5 local authorities across the country to agree its Better Care Fund in the first wave but notes that this is not new money and in no way closes the funding gap that faces this council.
4. The warnings from the Local Government Association that councils have had to switch £900 million from other services to retain even the current levels of care
5. That the chair of the public accounts committee has questioned the ability of the DCLG to estimate what funding is needed by local authorities to even fulfil their statutory obligations in adult social care - and that the chair of the LGA has described this as a "ridiculous situation".
6. That already a third of this council's budget goes on adult social care and that while the council has agreed a 3 year strategy for adult social care this is ambitious and will require leadership and substantial cooperation between the council and its partners.

This council resolves to:

1. Write to the borough's MPs asking that they heed calls from the LGA and medical professionals to properly fund and support adult social care as part of a civilised society and to prevent a crisis of care in this country.
2. To continue to work with the NHS, the voluntary sector and local communities to enable more of our residents to live fulfilled lives as part of their neighbourhoods and communities.
3. To call for the DCLG to properly assess needs in allocating funding to local authorities.