


Non-Executive Report of the: COUNCIL 18 July 2018	
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Motion for debate submitted by the Administration	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.
Wards affected	All wards

SUMMARY

1. Council Procedure Rule 11 allows for time at each Ordinary Council meeting for the discussion of one specific Motion submitted by the Administration. The debate will follow the rules of debate at Council Procedure Rule 13 and will last no more than 30 minutes.
2. The motion submitted is listed overleaf. The Administration Motion is submitted by the Labour Group.
3. Motions must be about matters for which the Council or its partners has a direct responsibility. A motion may not be moved which is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the previous six months; or which proposes that a decision of the Council taken in the previous six months be rescinded; unless notice of the motion is given signed by at least twenty Members.
4. Notice of any proposed amendments to the Motions must be given to the Monitoring Officer by Noon the day before the meeting.

MOTION

Set out overleaf is the motion that has been submitted.

8 – Administration Motion regarding Celebrating 70 Years Of The NHS

Proposer: Mayor John Biggs

Seconded: Councillor Denise Jones

This Council notes that:

1. The National Health Service celebrated its 70th birthday on 5th July 2018.
2. The NHS was founded by a Labour government, with three core principles:
 - a. That it meet the needs of everyone;
 - b. That it be free at the point of delivery;
 - c. That it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay.
3. We are all proud of our NHS, which has made a huge difference to public health and delivered incredible developments in medical science, all but eradicating debilitating diseases like polio and diphtheria and continuing to develop ground-breaking treatments.

This Council further notes:

1. The NHS could not survive without the extraordinary care, skill, compassion and dedication provided by over 1.5 million staff members.
2. The 70th birthday of the NHS is a time to celebrate the massive contribution made by the organisation and its staff, but it is also an important time to look at the future of the NHS, which is seriously threatened.
3. NHS services under successive Tory governments have been pushed to the brink by the biggest financial squeeze in NHS history as well as cuts to public health and social care.
4. The East London Health & Care Partnership, which covers Tower Hamlets, warns that:

In the east London area alone, **there will be a £580m shortfall in funding within four years, by 2021.**

Services and facilities may have to close and standards of care will suffer if not addressed urgently. Change is required, and fast, to help keep us healthy and well in the future and to receive care when we need it.

5. A&Es are overstretched and overcrowded, waiting lists for operations are far too long, and key performance targets are routinely missed.
6. That many staff members feel threatened by Brexit, which is also having a severe impact on the ability of the NHS to recruit much-needed staff from outside the UK.
7. The ongoing campaign to save the NHS, including important contributions from doctors, nurses, patients, other NHS staff members, and campaigners including councillors, trade unions and our local MPs Jim Fitzpatrick and Rushanara Ali.

This Council believes that:

1. The NHS has provided a remarkable public service over the last 70 years, and we must do everything we can to protect it and ensure it can continue to provide world-class care.
2. Our NHS is being failed by the Government, which is not providing adequate funding to match rising demand.
3. Our NHS urgently needs proper investment to address the vast pressure the NHS faces.
4. The Government's recent announcement of an annual 3.4% increase for NHS funding falls short of what is needed – this is an uncosted standstill settlement, with the IFS saying the NHS needs 3.3% just to maintain current levels.

This Council resolves:

1. To celebrate the invaluable contribution the NHS and its staff have made over the last 70 years, and to work with colleagues and partners to safeguard the future of the NHS.