

## **Petition tabled at Cabinet – 1 October 2014**

### **Agenda Item 4 – Petition on Public Consultation on Savings Proposals** (Petition from John McLoughlin and others)

We the below signed are concerned about the rushed and flawed public consultation on cuts to vital services that would:

- Close Tower Hamlets in house Home Care in April 2015
- Shut all 4 Local Authority nurseries (Overland, Queen Mary, John Smiths and Mary Sambrook)
- Shut one of the two Tower Hamlets children's homes
- Axe a social work team in Children and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS)
- Reduce support for young people leaving care
- Get rid of Independent Reviewing Officers for child in need cases
- Pile more pressure on front line teams by "mainstreaming" services like the Muslim and African Families Service.
- Threaten long running facilities like Pritchards Road and Mayfield House day centres.

We believe that a public consultation period ending on 5 October that relies primarily on people accessing and commenting via the Tower Hamlets Website is wholly inadequate.

We call on the Cabinet to withdraw these proposals pending full and genuine public consultation.