

'CALL IN' OF DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

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TITLE OF MEETING	Cabinet
DATE OF MEETING	7 th June 2011
MINUTE No. AND TITLE OF ITEM	CAB05 – RECOMMENDED BUDGET SAVINGS DECISION - ADULT SERVICES PROPOSALS IN 2011 - OLDER PERSONS' DROP-IN CENTRES, JACKSONS LANE LUNCHEON CLUB AND CYPRIOT ELDERLY AND DISABILITY PROJECT

1. Reason for Call-In/Is it claimed to be outside the policy or budget framework?

The proposals are considered to be inside the policy and budget framework but:

- The proposals will result in a failure to provide for the needs of older people and will lead to:
 - Reduced choice for older people, their families and their carers
 - Increase social isolation of older people
 - Reduction in preventative services
 - Financial pressures on other Council and NHS services
- The closure of Drop-in centres and luncheon clubs is contrary to

1. the Adult Social Services vision:

"Delivering independence, prevention, wellbeing, choice and control within all services.

2. Putting People first concordat that includes in its remit:

"Replacing paternalistic, reactive care of variable quality with a mainstream system focused on prevention, early intervention, enablement, and high quality personally tailored services."

3. The focus of the Haringey Strategic Partnership's strategy 'Experience Still Counts 2009-12' which aims to keep older people informed and at the heart of change

- There has been little evidence to suggest that since the announcement in December 2010 that Older People's Drop-in Centres would close that the Council has considered any other alternative actions or any effort has been made to identify and support community based organisations willing to take on responsibility for this service. This is contrary to the Government's 'A Vision for Adult Social Care' where it says:


"Local councils with substantial in-house provision should look to the market, including social enterprises, mutual and voluntary organisations, to replace them as a local service provider."

- Cuts in preventative services will lead only to higher costs in the long-term – no assessment has been made to suggest what additional costs will be borne by the Council and NHS due to these cuts and whether this is cost effective.

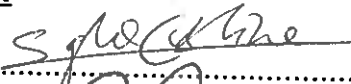

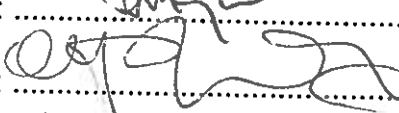
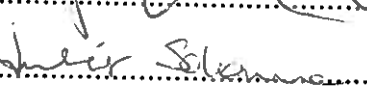
2. Variation of Action Proposed

- There should be an immediate suspension of the process to close Older People's Drop-in centres at Abyssinia Court, Woodside House, the Irish Centre and Willoughby Road and the luncheon club at Jackson's Lane.
- The Council should use savings, as proposed by Liberal Democrats in February 2011, on full-time union representatives to guarantee funding for Older People's Drop-in centres and luncheon clubs for one year.
- A review of the decision should take place and include an analysis of the long-term cost implications of closures of these services on Council services and the NHS.
- The Council should provide a commitment to keep the Older People's Drop-in centres and luncheon clubs open in the long term.
- The Council should consider partnership agreements with other organisations, charities and social enterprises to reduce costs to the Council.
- Failing a full commitment by the Council to keep Older People's Drop-in centres and luncheon clubs open the Council should support community-based take over of centres.

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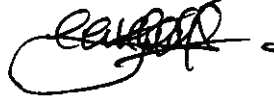
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Date Submitted: 14/06/11

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(to be completed by the Non Cabinet Committees Manager)



Notes:

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2. This form must be received by the Non Cabinet Committees Manager by 10.00 a.m. on the fifth working day following publication of the minutes.
3. The proper officer will forward all timely and proper call-in requests to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and notify the decision taker and the relevant Director.
4. A decision will be implemented after the expiry of ten working days following the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee's receipt of a call-in request, unless a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee takes place during the 10 day period.
5. If a call-in request claims that a decision is contrary to the policy or budget framework, the Proper Officer will forward the call-in requests to the Monitoring Officer and /or Chief Financial Officer for a report to be prepared for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee advising whether the decision does fall outside the policy or budget framework.