

'CALL IN' OF DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

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TITLE OF MEETING	Cabinet
DATE OF MEETING	10 th February 2015
MINUTE No. AND TITLE OF ITEM	Corporate Planning (Budget)

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

It is not claimed to be outside the policy or budget framework.

We are concerned that the Cabinet has agreed a budget which includes large cuts to a number of frontline services and we believe that at least some of the savings could be made in other ways.

We are particularly concerned about the proposed cuts to children's centres, special education needs, youth services and care provision.

Children's centres are key to meeting meet two of Haringey's primary corporate objectives:

1. Early intervention
2. Giving families the best start in life

Children centres provide a vital service and we think early years should not have their budget cut by £1.44m. Many vulnerable families are only picked up in children's centres because staff is able to build a trusting relationship with the family. Centre staff is able to identify vulnerable families and can then provide a programme of support.

We also note that the early intervention work done in children's centres reduces costs to the council. If families are not helped early their needs are likely to be more complex and more expensive particularly if they reach a crisis point in their lives.

Learning disabilities day care centres should not close, in particular the Roundway, as they deliver a high level of specialist care to people who have very high level needs.

Youth services provide an important service to the boroughs young people. We are concerned that the proposed savings are reliant on a youth trust. We are also concerned that by merging the youth offending service with youth service that youth services are likely to be left with few resources.

In **adult care** the proposed cuts include closing the Haven. We believe closing the centre could lead to increased spending on care packages for people who would have been at the Haven.

Closing the Haven is dependent on the Neighbourhood Connects service working but there has only been a pilot run so far, it is not a proven service for this kind of care.

3. Variation of Action Proposed

Haringey Council has not provided sufficient detail of alternative model for Early Years. We believe the Cabinet should reconsider the proposed cuts to the early year's budget. Currently the council are planning a review of Early Years this year (which includes children's centres) with a consultation on the proposals next year. We believe that no cuts should be proposed until the council has undertaken its review and consultation.

We also believe that the Haven should remain open for at least a year whilst a proper independent study is undertaken to ensure Neighbourhood Connects is capable of delivering the service that it has been commissioned for and that people with high care needs who would have used the Haven are now confident that NC service delivers these outcomes instead.

The council should at the least undertake an independent study to show there are other appropriate settings in the community that people with autism with high level needs can access safely and that expert staff are present in these other community settings before any day care centre's close.

We believe that youth services should not be merged with youth offending without a clear commitment to maintaining youth services and providing resources in case the youth trust model does not work.

The social enterprise model should be up and running with an assessed appropriateness for people with Autism and high level learning disabilities prior to any council day care closures. This will ensure the most vulnerable people in our communities and careers are not left without a 'safe outside the home' provision.

Signed:

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Date Submitted: 16 February 2015 @ approx 3.20pm

Date Received: 16 February 2015
(to be completed by the Democratic Services Manager)

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Notes:

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2. This form must be received by the Democratic Services 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.
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