

COUNCIL MEETING – 23 FEBRUARY 2009

**Amendment to Motion Q**

**Delete** point 3 in first paragraph and **Insert** after point 2.

3. That many residents in Haringey find it difficult to access shops, supermarkets, dentists and community facilities and centres

4. Our blind residents find it difficult to access many Council Services ranging from housing to voting without mobility support and face additional costs as a result, such as using taxis or private hire vehicles.

**Insert** after point 2. in second paragraph

3. That blind people are in many parts of England excluded from social care support because their needs are not considered “critical” or “substantial”

**Delete** text after “sign up to” in third paragraph, point 2 and **Insert**.

EDM number 340, support the DLA amendment to the Welfare Reform Bill and write to the Secretary of State expressing these concerns

Point 3 remains.

Proposed by: Councillor Richard Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Rachel Allison

**If the Amendment is passed – the Motion as amended would read:**

Mobility Benefits for Blind Residents

This Council Notes:

1. That blind people experience significant barriers to independent mobility
2. That blind people are often isolated and find it difficult to access basic services without mobility assistance
3. That many residents in Haringey find it difficult to access shops, supermarkets, dentists and community facilities and centres
4. Our blind residents find it difficult to access many Council Services ranging from housing to voting without mobility support and face additional costs as a result, such as using taxis or private hire vehicles.

This Council Further Notes:

1. That blind people are not entitled to the higher rate mobility component of disability living allowance
2. Loss of usable sight clearly causes significant independent mobility problems and incurs significant additional and unmet costs
3. That blind people are in many parts of England excluded from social care support because their needs are not considered “critical” or “substantial”

This Council resolves:

1. To ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions, the Rt Hon. James Purnell MP, expressing these concerns
2. To ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to our local MPs asking that they sign up EDM number 340, support the DLA amendment to the Welfare Reform Bill and write to the Secretary of State expressing these concerns
3. To support the Royal National Institute of Blind People’s (RNIB) campaign on securing the higher rate mobility component of DLA for blind people.