

## LIBERAL DEMOCRAT BUDGET AMENDMENT TWO

Proposer: Cllr Robert Gorrie, Second: Cllr Richard Wilson

### Investing in our young people

In a borough such as Haringey youth services are vital and much-valued by our young people and families. Labour plans a disproportionate 75% cut in this budget for these services.

Liberal Democrats would reverse £900,000 of the cuts proposed by Labour.

This investment will be paid for by improvements in our fostering service and reductions in spending on IT.

It is well known that outcomes for children in foster care are better if they are placed close to their home. Haringey Council has relied on expensive out-of-borough agency foster placements which cost twice the amount of a Council foster placement. Liberal Democrats believe that a £300,000 first year investment in the fostering service would reduce the need to rely on expensive foster agencies would improve the outcomes for our vulnerable children could deliver gross savings of £700,000.

We accept this will be a challenge but we feel it is one worth setting given the service benefits it could achieve.

Haringey currently spends £16.5million a year on running its IT. Labour is proposing less than a 6% real cut to this budget. Liberal Democrats believe that youth services are a greater priority than corporate IT and would take out further £500,000 from the IT budget.

	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Saving</b>
Youth Service revenue cost	£900,000	
Foster care revenue cost	£300,000	
Foster care revenue saving		£700,000
IT revenue savings		£500,000
Total	£1,200,000	£1,200,000