

London Borough of Enfield Council 10 July 2019

Amendment Sheet

Motion 5 in the name of Councillor Doug Taylor

“The last Labour government introduced a free TV licence to all over-75s regardless of income. Support for the welfare state is dependent upon targeted benefits and universal benefits that cover everyone. The free TV licence Labour introduced in 1999 is a benefit available to all more elderly pensioners in Enfield regardless of wealth and is particularly important in combating loneliness and isolation. Television is a window onto the world and a steady companion.

The free licence appears to be under threat and Enfield Council calls upon the Government to ensure that it remains.”

Amendment to Motion 5 in the name of Councillor Mike Rye

To replace the last paragraph of the above motion with the following:

“The free licence appears to be under threat by the BBC and the council calls upon the government to ensure the commitment made by the BBC based upon Government Funding to maintain free TV licences is maintained.”

Motion 7 in the name of Councillor Christine Hamilton

The public health grant fund provides vital services that prevent ill health. Now through this current government. Local authorities are responsible for delivering most of these services, however our ability to do so is compromised by public health grant reductions. In 2018/19 and 2019/20 Enfield like every local authority will have less to spend on public health than the year before.

Taking funds away from prevention is a false economy. Unless public health funding has been restored our health and care system will remain locked in a ‘treatment’ approach, which is neither economically viable nor protects the health of residents.

This Government is looking to phase out the Public Health Grant by 2020/21, It is vital that all local authorities have enough funding to deliver the services we need to provide for deprived areas who often suffer the worst health outcomes.

Four in ten cancers are preventable, largely through stopping smoking, keeping a healthy weight and cutting back on alcohol. Smoking accounts for 80,000 early deaths every year and remains the largest preventable cause of cancer in the world. Additionally, obesity and alcohol account for 30,000 and 7,000 early deaths each year respectively. All three increase the risk of: cancer, diabetes, lung and heart conditions, poor mental health and create a subsequent burden on health and social care.

This Council believes that the impact of cuts to public health by the current

government has become impossible to ignore. We support Cancer Research UK's call for increased and sustainable public health funding and we call on the Government as a matter of urgency, to deliver increased investment in public health and to support a sustainable health and social care system *by taking a 'prevention first' approach.*"

Amendment to Motion 7 in the name of Councillor Mike Rye

To replace the last paragraph of the motion above with the following paragraphs:

"The Council recognises that while the total amount of public health funding is an important issue and needs to be pursued, the real issue on public health for Enfield is the fact that per capita funding for Enfield is seriously lower than for other similar London Boroughs, in that Enfield currently receives c. £48 per head while Camden e.g. receives c£138.

The Council agreed (on cross party lines) more than two years ago to lobby Ministers to significantly increase Enfield's per capita allocation of the Grant; it notes that progress has been slow and accordingly instructs the Leader of the Council and the relevant Cabinet Member to press the issue with the new Government as soon as possible, to ensure fairer Public Health Funding for Enfield going forward."