

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

18th July 2012

NOTICE OF MOTION – WORCESTERSHIRE JOINT SERVICES REVIEW

Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Cllr Mrs Margaret Sherrey JP
Relevant Head of Service	Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services
Not a Key Decision	

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11 by Councillor P. M. McDonald:

"This Council fully supports the community-led "Save the Alex" Campaign which is totally opposed to the closure of Accident & Emergency and Maternity services at the Alexandra Hospital.

It has been confirmed by Professor Rod Griffiths, the Independent Chair of The Joint Services Review Stakeholder Reference Board, at a public meeting on 21st June that the reason for the potential loss of services at the Alexandra Hospital is because going forward "we have a lot less money"

Encouraged by Professor Rod Griffiths' statements, Council agrees to write to the Health Minister, Andrew Lansley MP, requesting that the shortfall of funding for Worcestershire NHS, said to be £200 Million over 4 years or approximately £1 Million per week (of which the acute hospitals share is £50 Million), is funded by Government, thus safeguarding all services in the County.

Also requesting the Minister receives a delegation of leaders from Redditch Borough Council, Bromsgrove District Council, Stratford-on Avon District Council and the "Save The Alex" campaign so that we can make our case.

Further, the Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition are tasked to:-

- (1) vigorously represent the Council's position to Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust (WAHT), Worcestershire Health Care Trust (WHCT) and Worcestershire NHS;
- (2) pursue with all Worcestershire and Neighbouring NHS Trusts all alternative organisational strategies which will safeguard services in Redditch; and
- (3) join with any campaigns which advance and promote the Council's position."