Council

Agenda Item 30 (2)

25 July 2019

Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR GROUP

SUSTAINABLE ADULT SOCIAL CARE FUNDING

This Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government:

- Requesting the government publishes the long-promised Adult Social Care green paper before the September recess in line with the 10 week deadline set by the LGA;
- Requesting the government notes the LGA "CouncilsCan" campaign ahead of the 2019 Spending Review, where the LGA states that councils are being pushed to the brink by lack of certainty over future funding of local government combined with pressure on statutory services like adult social care, leaving services around the country for vulnerable people overstretched and at risk.

Proposed by: Cllr Appich

Seconded by: Cllr Moonan

Supporting information:

The underfunding of Adult Social Care has recently been well documented across councils.

A BBC Panorama programme illustrating the difficulties faced by adult social care services and its clients was aired in May 2019.

The government green paper announced over 2 years ago has failed to materialise, as government decision-making is hamstrung by Brexit.

In its paper "The Lives We Want to Lead" the LGA confirms that adult social care services are at breaking point.

According to the LGA, funding shortfalls for adult social care nationally are estimated to reach £3.6bn by 2025.