

NOTICE OF MOTION**CONSERVATIVE GROUP****PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY AND STAFF-LED MUTUALS**

“This Council welcomes the Government’s support for, and promotion of, staff-led mutuals and other forms of co-operative service delivery across the public sector and notes that employees are one of the key groups eligible to submit expressions of interest under the ‘Community Right to Challenge’ in the Localism Act.

This Council notes that the Government’s Mutual’s Taskforce has found that the benefits of mutual and co-operative service delivery are wide ranging and include: (i) greater customer satisfaction; (ii) greater ability of staff to innovate and use their initiative; (iii) lower production costs and higher productivity; (iv) increased resilience; (v) job creation; and (vi) higher morale and motivation amongst staff. This Council, therefore, agrees with the cross-party Communities and Local Government Select Committee’s recent conclusion that more local authorities should be considering setting up mutuals and co-operatives¹.

Furthermore, this Council notes that there are a growing number of successful staff-led mutuals emerging in local government such as Project Salus in Kent, Aspire Sussex in West Sussex and Sunshine Care Community Interest Company in Rochdale.

Therefore, this Council resolves to request that the Chief Executive work with the Local Government Association and other relevant external organisations with a view to bringing a report to the Policy & Resources Committee in July, detailing options for piloting staff-led mutuals in particular service areas in consultation and agreement with staff.”

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¹ <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmcomloc/112/112.pdf>

