

Motion: Motion 3 Proposed by Councillor Beccy Hopfensperger and seconded by Councillor James Reeder.

National Adult Social Care levy

“Nationally social care faces a funding gap of at least £2.5bn by 2020. The government must recognise why social care matters and treat it as a national priority.

There needs to be an urgent and fundamental review of social care and health before next year’s Autumn Budget. It also needs to include action to properly fund social care with genuinely new Government money. This is now the only way to protect the services caring for older people as well as younger disabled people and carers, which, despite social care services doing all they can to be as efficient and effective as possible, are approaching breaking point. Older and disabled people and their carers deserve lives which are good, dignified, healthy and as independent as possible, in their own communities.

This Council Resolves to lobby the Under Secretary of State for Care and Mental Health requesting an urgent review and to consider further public consultation on extending the National Adult Social Care Levy and exploring other mechanisms to support social care.”

Members present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.