

COUNCIL
17th February 2017

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Carson, Copeland, Coultas, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs. Culley, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Galletley, Harker, I. G. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Johnson, Kane, Kelley, Knowles, Lawton, Lee, Lister, McEwan, Mills, Newall, K. Nicholson, M. Nicholson, Nutt, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Storr, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Tostevin and Wallis. (38)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Baldwin, Cossins, Mrs. D. Jones, Kelly, Lyonette, Stenson, Wright and York. (8)

ABSENT – Councillors Cartwright, Grundy, L. Haszeldine and Regan. (4)

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

NOTE: Pursuant to Minute 51 above, the meeting was adjourned to allow an Enquiry into the Sustainability and Transformation Plan to take place. When the meeting reconvened, the Deputy Mayor took the Chair as the Mayor had left the meeting to attend a prior engagement.

52. NOTICE OF MOTION – Sustainability and Transformation Plan - The following Motion was moved by Councillor A. J. Scott, and seconded by Councillor Mrs. H. Scott:

This Council calls upon the Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure that any changes proposed by the draft NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) do not disadvantage Darlington residents.

The following amendment to the Motion was moved by Councillor Copeland, and seconded by Councillor Tostevin:

To add the following to the Motion moved by Councillor A. J. Scott and seconded by Councillor Mrs. H. Scott:-

‘and in light of evidence presented today, this Council calls upon the Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group to urgently revisit current proposals and confirm:-

1. That it will retain a full Accident and Emergency service at Darlington Memorial Hospital to ensure that the following risks are not realised:

(a) the health risks to patients of longer journey times to hospital for urgent treatment;

(b) the risks and problems to relatives and carers, particularly those from low income households, of longer and costly journeys to see patients; and

(c) the risks to already stretched social care services of unfunded proposals for out of hospital services; and

2. That it will retain a consultant-led maternity and paediatric service at Darlington Memorial Hospital

3. This Council asks Members of the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to use their full powers to evaluate and challenge the details published in the SPT as it moves forward.'

Amendment Carried.

The Amendment then became the Substantive Motion and was put to the meeting and carried.