

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 22 JULY 2019

NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 16

To consider the following notice of motions submitted under Procedure Rule 16:-

1. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Fiona Thomson and will be seconded by Councillor Tony Kingsbury:-

“Council notes that:

- a) The East and North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is running a public engagement on closing the QEII urgent care centre overnight which will impact Welwyn Hatfield residents.
- b) Residents will need to travel to the Lister hospital in Stevenage further adding to the already high demand at the Lister.
- c) Transfers to the Lister will cause additional financial hardship to residents.
- d) Additional transfer to the Lister will put further pressure on the ambulance service.
- e) The Local Plan will significantly increase the Borough population, increasing future demand on the service.

In light of the above, and the fact that this proposal seriously impacts our residents, the Council therefore agrees:

1. That the Leader writes to the East and North Herts CCG to request that:
 - a) they withdraw their proposal to close the QEII urgent centre overnight;
 - b) they investigate why the current facility is not better used;
 - c) they consider a wider offer to encourage better use of the facility and support local residents;
 - d) representatives of the CCG attend a meeting open to all Councillors to present their case;
2. Given the timing of the next Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting in relation to the closing date of the CCG engagement, Cabinet to agree a formal response in consultation with the other group leaders.”

2. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Malcolm Cowan and will be seconded by Councillor Siobhán Elam:-

“This Council recognises the need to retain and expand the borough’s opportunities for sport and activity as essential components to health.

Accordingly, this council requests officers and members reviewing the local plan to seriously consider what a backward step it would be to use the ski slope site for housing, and to revisit this allocation as part of the current local plan process to be presented to council in September.

Further, to work with GLL to develop use of the facility by the local community.”