

Petition: Derbyshire NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The council has received a petition signed by 2,846 Derby residents (in hard copy) and 1,333 Derby residents (in e-petition form). The grand total therefore exceeds the threshold to prompt a debate of Council, with 4,179 Derby residents having supported it.
- 1.2 The wording of the petition is as follows:

"We the undersigned call upon all Derbyshire MPs and elected councillors to reject the Derbyshire NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan for £280 million a year budget reduction and the loss of 535 hospital beds."
- 1.3 The Petitions Scheme specifies that the authority will only deal with petitions on matters for which it has a responsibility. It is beyond Derby City Council's powers to veto, reject or overturn the Sustainability and Transformation Plan as it has already been approved by the relevant health bodies. The figures quoted within the wording of the petition are also not relating to Derby, but relating to a much wider area so would not be appropriate for the council to commit itself to acting upon.
- 1.4 However, it would be reasonable for Council to consider the aspects it is able to, given the efforts the petitioners have made to bring the matter forward and the number of signatories. A form of words is therefore proposed to consider the petition, enabling the debate to proceed without committing the authority to actions that fall outside of its jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note that Council does not have the power to reject the Sustainability and Transformation Plan as requested by the petitioners, and nor does it have the power to veto aspects of it relating to budgets and numbers of hospital beds.
- 2.2 To seek a mover to consider and vote upon the following motion:

Council acknowledges the concerns of the 4,179 Derby residents who have signed a petition opposing potential budgetary cuts and bed losses across Derby and Derbyshire arising from the Derbyshire NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To provide councillors with an opportunity to debate a matter which is of sufficient concern to Derby's residents to prompt a Council debate under the Petitions Scheme, without committing the authority to actions beyond its jurisdiction.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 It is for councillors to decide whether to move the motion that has been proposed.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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