

Glasgow needs a step change in funding for health and social care – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

11 Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Councillor Reid-McConnell, moved that:-

"Council notes that the Glasgow City Council Integration Joint Board (IJB) passed its budget for 2025/26 on 19th March 2025 and that this included £42m of savings, including cuts to supported living for people with complex needs, community mental health teams, counselling to survivors of sexual violence based at the Sandyford clinic, employability support, and health improvement teams.

Council believes that many of these cuts will lead to increased pressure on other parts of the system, such as acute care and care home beds, and are therefore a false economy.

Council notes the IJB's medium term strategy considers the funding gap could rise to £250m over next three years. This is heavily linked to the significant uncontrolled and unfunded pressures on homelessness services. Council also noted that the medium term forecast does not currently take cognisance of £5bn planned UK Government cuts to social security, which will actively harm disabled people and those with complex needs and increase demand on many of the very services which are simultaneously being cut.

Council agrees this is not sustainable, that there is a crisis in funding for health and social care, and that this requires a step change in the levels of funding available and the way that funding is administered.

Council therefore agrees to write to both UK and Scottish Governments and to COSLA making it clear that current funding for health and social care is inadequate, that IJBs are being forced to make decisions which will actively harm some of the most vulnerable, that there needs to be a substantial increase in the funding of community health and social care services, and calls on all levels of Government to work together to address this growing crisis."

Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Casey, moved as an amendment:-

(1) to insert the following after the third paragraph:

"Council notes that across Scotland since the 2011 census there has been a continued increase in the over 65 age population, an increase in those reporting ill health and an increase in those providing unpaid care, all of which are the product of both long term demographic trends and the continued legacy of the Covid pandemic. The challenges require us to provide care concentrated on retaining people's independence and to create an inclusive culture where more people of all ages play a positive role in society.

Recent data shows that despite real terms increases in IJB funding, the majority of IJB's reported a deficit on the cost of providing services and required additional funding from partner bodies and/or use of reserves, alongside reductions in services, in order to break even."; and

- (2) to add the following at the fourth paragraph after “in funding and in the way that funding is administered”:

“Council further agrees that the pressures on Scotland's social care and healthcare services are escalating, with higher demand, workforce difficulties, and financial strains, further aggravated by inflationary cost pressures.

Council notes the cuts announced in the UK Government Spring Statement and Green Paper on disability reform, and how we are limited by being part of the UK; the system of funding allocation meaning that cuts to funding in England impact on the money that Scotland receives for its health services. Austerity measures and welfare reform have had a significant impact on large numbers of people who are already bearing the poorest health and will continue to do so for years to come.

Council believes that people should be supported to live the healthiest lives possible, and that prevention and early intervention is key to achieving this and how we must take every opportunity to strengthen the foundations for good health especially tackling income inequality.

Council reiterates the core principles of the IJB's Strategic Plan, which calls for ‘a transformational change in how it supports individuals, families and communities to live independently from statutory services for as long as they can safely do so’ by ‘focusing our resources and our energies on prevention and early intervention’.

Council believes that government should focus and channel resources to support the principles set out in this resolution and to that end should develop the means and methodologies to ensure delivery of such funding.”

Bailie Raja, seconded by Bailie Jenkins, moved as an amendment to delete the fifth paragraph and insert the following:

“Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the funding of health and social care services. However, Council notes that health and social care are devolved matters, and the responsibility for funding and prioritising these services rests with the Scottish Government. While the UK Government has provided a record £5billion Devolution Settlement to the Scottish Government, it is the Scottish Government's allocation of these funds that determines the level of investment in these services. Council, therefore, calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise adequate funding for health and social care services, ensuring that resources are effectively allocated to protect and support vulnerable communities”

During the debate Councillor Molyneux and Councillor Cunningham, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendment resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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including cuts to supported living for people with complex needs, community mental health teams, counselling to survivors of sexual violence based at the Sandyford clinic, employability support, and health improvement teams.

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On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 28 members voted for the amendment by Bailie Raja and 48 for the motion as adjusted with 1 abstention.

The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

12 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1540 hours until 1555 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

13 The meeting resumed at 1555 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Chair, Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren

JAMES ADAMS	LAURA DOHERTY	ELAINE McSPORRAN
SAQIB AHMED	STEPHEN DOCHERTY	ANNE McTAGGART
SUSAN AITKEN	STEPHEN DORNAN	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
IMRAN ALAM	SEAN FERGUSON	CHRISTY MEARNES
BLAIR ANDERSON	ELAINE GALLAGHER	ANGUS MILLAR
KEN ANDREW	ZEN GHANI	MALCOLM MITCHELL
ALEXANDER BELIC	ALLAN GOW	JON MOLYNEUX
RICHARD BELL	WILLIAM GRAHAM	ROBERT MOONEY
DECLAN BLENCH	SHARON GREER	MARGARET MORGAN
EVA BOLANDER	GREG HEPBURN	EVA MURRAY
ABDUL BOSTANI	FIONA HIGGINS	CECILIA O'LONE
PHILIP BRAAT	SEONAD HOY	JILL PIDGEON
JILL BROWN	MHAIRI HUNTER	LINDA PIKE
HOLLY BRUCE	RASHID HUSSAIN	HANIF RAJA
BILL BUTLER	DAN HUTCHISON	DAVENA RANKIN
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	FYEZA IKHLAQ	THOMAS RANNACHAN
CHRISTINA CANNON	EUNIS JASSEMI	GEORGE REDMOND

PAUL CAREY
ANTHONY CARROLL
JOHN CARSON
ALLAN CASEY
ANNETTE CHRISTIE
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM
STEPHEN CURRAN
FEARGAL DALTON
JOHN DALY
AUDREY DEMPSEY

ANN JENKINS
LILITH JOHNSTONE
RUAIRI KELLY
ALEX KERR
MATT KERR
KEVIN LALLEY
PAUL LEINSTER
PAUL MCCABE
DONNA MCGILL
NORMAN MacLEOD

LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ROZA SALIH
FRANNY SCALLY
SORYIA SIDDIQUE
KIERAN TURNER
CATHERINE VALLIS
MARTHA WARDROP
ALEX WILSON

DEACON CONVENER

LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Apologies: Marie Garrity, Thomas Kerr, Frank McAveety and Elaine McDougall.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; R Emmott, Executive Director of Financial Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability P Togher, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth.