

**COUNCIL MEETING – 22 MARCH 2011**

**NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14 FROM COUNCILLOR E WOODBURN**

**This Council notes that:**

The increase in VAT to 20% has added 3p to the cost of a litre of petrol and helped push up petrol prices to record levels.

The Treasury is getting an extra £700m from the higher VAT on petrol, and while the Chancellor has given the banks a tax cut compared to last year, they are now going to pay £800m more than this government was planning.

**This Council believes that:**

The rise in fuel prices has added to pressure on families already facing a tough year and their incomes squeezed.

With the recovery not yet secured this is the wrong tax at the wrong time and is hurting families, businesses and our fragile economy.

**This Council therefore calls upon the Chancellor to:**

Come up with a plan to get our stalled economy moving again and get more people into work paying taxes.

Use the extra revenue from the bank levy to immediately reverse the VAT rise on fuel and look again at the annual fuel duty rise due in April.

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#### **This Council notes that:**

The Trust Board of the North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust has decided it cannot achieve becoming an NHS Foundation Trust within the Department of Health's required timescale therefore is seeking to partner with another NHS Trust.

The Trust board has always stated their commitment to putting patients first and ensuring that patient care remains their number one priority. However the changes to NHS funding and a further reduction in their income, increases the financial challenges faced by the Trust.

The Trust Board has decided that the best option to continue to secure high quality and safe services for the people of North Cumbria means they now need to seek a formal arrangement, through a merger or acquisition with an existing NHS Trust ,.

#### **This Council believes that:**

The Trust has been placed in a difficult position that it would prefer not to be in but due to the Department of Health's timetable it feels it has no other option.

The Department of Health's White Paper statement of "Any willing provider" gives us grave concerns that a door is being opened to the private sector.

#### **This Council therefore calls upon the North Cumbria University Trust to:**

Seek a partner with whom to merge in order to sustain equitable services across Cumbria.

And to note that Copeland Borough Council will strongly oppose any acquisition by a Private Sector organisation as we feel this would not be in the best interest of the people of Copeland.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14 FROM COUNCILLOR C WHITESIDE**

MOTION: WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL

This council reaffirms its support for the redevelopment/refurbishment of West Cumberland Hospital and the provision of a full range of District General Hospitals on the site including at least all those agreed under “Closer to Home”

This council reaffirms that hospital and health services are a central part of its’ regeneration policies for West Cumbria and to take all reasonable and lawful measures within the council’s powers, consistent with the predetermination rule and other requirements of proper process, to assist and support the development and retention of services at the West Cumberland Hospital.

This council resolves to seek the highest possible degree of consensus and cross-party working in supporting local hospital and health services, to ensure that the hospital is seen to be supported by residents of every political persuasion, and to encourage everyone to campaign to support the hospital in ways which will help rather than harm morale among employees of the local NHS.

This council resolves to work with the Save Our Services campaign to encourage all GP Practices in the Copeland area to ensure that when services are available at the West Cumberland which meet the clinical needs of their patients, the option to use WCH is available to those patients.

This council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Health and the Chief Executives of NHS Cumbria and the Universities acute hospitals trust, urging them to take all practical steps to ensure that the West Cumberland Hospital development proceeds as soon as possible and that the hospital continues to offer as full a range of services as possible including at least all the services envisaged in “Closer to Home.”

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**NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14 FROM COUNCILLOR B  
DIXON**

“This Council requires that all members who sit on outside bodies should be required to record their Membership within the Register of Interests and also state any allowances they receive as a consequence of their Membership. Furthermore that all such income should also be recorded against their names when expenses and allowances are published in the local press.”