



Subject:	Notice of Motion re: Cuts to Health Budgets - Responses
Date:	15 th December, 2017
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider the response form the Permanent Secretary for Health and the Chief Executive of the Belfast Health and Care Trust in relation to the motion on cuts to the Health Budget which was passed by the Council at its meeting on 4 th September.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the responses and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	At the meeting of the Council on 4 th September, the following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Attwood and seconded by Councillor Kyle and passed:

“This Council notes that Health and Social Care Trusts have been tasked by the Department of Health to find £70 million of savings in 2017/2018 financial year and that the Belfast Trust will have to impose cuts of £26.3 million.

The Council expresses its deep concern at the effect which these proposed cuts will have on domiciliary care, elective care services, nursing and residential homes, the deferral of drug treatments and cuts in agency staff. The Council believes that these cuts will have a devastating impact on the sick, elderly and most vulnerable sections of our community in Belfast.

The Council strenuously opposes these cuts and agrees to write to and seek urgent meetings with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Permanent Secretary in the Department of Health.”

3.2	A response to the motion was received on 5 th October from the Permanent Secretary, Richard Pengelly, in which in pointed out that, since the motion was concerned with the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust’s savings plan, the Council should, in the first instance, seek a meeting with the Martin Dillon, Chief of Executive of the Trust.
3.3	Subsequently, a letter was forwarded to Mr Dillon seeking a meeting.
3.4	Mr Dillon has responded and advised that all but one of the major savings plans proposals were actually stood down a meeting of the Trust Board on 13 th October and, to that end he indicated that he was unsure if a meeting with the Council was still required.
3.5	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

