

Motions

Motion A – Councillor Perfect has submitted the following:

The Council notes that Medway Council's statutory role in health is on improving public health, reducing health inequalities, and integrating care services. Established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Council works through its Health and Wellbeing Board to assess local needs via the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and set strategy, while the Director of Public Health produces an independent annual report on population health.

The Council notes the significant change and pressure currently within the local healthcare system including within the Medway NHS Foundation Trust and the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB). The Council regrets another change in leadership at Medway NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) and is concerned about the emerging financial crisis at the Kent and Medway ICB. These changes directly impact the Council's ability to ensure its social care services can be delivered alongside a strongly performing healthcare system, as well as ensuring it can focus on improving public health and reducing health inequalities.

The Council notes that Adult Social Care has the most pressure of any division within the Council, with the most recent Round 3 Revenue Budget Monitoring showing a pressure of around £12m, and the fact that Adult Social Care shows growing demand every year, it being widely accepted that additional pressure on the system is created by other parts of the healthcare system failing.

The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to raise concerns regarding the way in which challenges within the current healthcare system could impact on the Council's ability to provide public services and meet its statutory duties laid out above.

Motion B – Councillor Maple has submitted the following:

Civility in Public Life and the Legacy of Jo Cox

This Council notes:

- The murders of Jo Cox MP on 16 June 2016 and Sir David Amess MP on 15 October 2021.
- That the 10th anniversary of Jo Cox’s murder will take place on 16 June 2026.
- That abuse and intimidation remain ongoing issues for elected representatives, including local councillors, with research finding that 72% of councillors have experienced abuse or intimidation in the last 12 months.

This Council believes:

- That, as Jo Cox said in her maiden speech, *“the truth is that we have more in common than that which divides us.”*
- That abuse and intimidation should have no place in our politics, local or national.
- That we should follow the example of Jo Cox, who embraced cross-party working and modelled high standards of respect and civility in public life.

This Council resolves:

- To mark the 10th anniversary of Jo Cox’s murder by encouraging Members to work with their local communities to organise and promote Great Get Together events.
- Continue to support efforts to increase civility and reduce abuse in politics, including through the LGA’s Debate Not Hate campaign.