

# Additional Agenda Item Omitted in Error for Council

Date: Tuesday, 8 November 2022



## 11. Notices of Motion in accordance with Procedure Rule 9

The following Motion was submitted in accordance with the requirements and deadlines of the Constitution but omitted in error from the agenda. As a consequence this has been published as an additional agenda item.

### D – Local Authority Funding for Respite Care

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 9 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor M Brooke and seconded by Councillor V Slade:-

Recent research, including separate studies by Bournemouth University, York University and the Centre for Social Justice shows mothers of a child with palliative care needs are:

- Twice as likely to develop a serious mental health condition or cardiovascular disease
- Nearly 60% more likely to die prematurely compared to mothers of healthy children.

In addition

- There is a far greater risk of family breakdown, the financial cost of which to UK society has reached £46billion p.a.
- There is insufficient focus on preventative policies.

This is what some families have said:

*"[Our child's] condition is like having an unexploded bomb in the house."*

*"[Respite] has saved our marriage and kept our family together."*

*"If it weren't for [respite breaks] you'd be speaking to me from a bedsit somewhere and [my wife] would be here with the kids."*

Clearly, it is in no one's interest to wait for more such families to split up or have breakdowns. There is an urgent need to provide positive solutions, such as additional Short Breaks as well as appropriate levels of funding.

The Motion:

**'That BCP Council writes to His Majesty's Government to seek enhanced funding for Local Authorities for the provision of additional Short Breaks for parents of children with disabilities, due to the proven preventative benefits on parental mental and physical health and on parental couple relationships, citing research by York University into the health of mothers of children with serious illness, Pro Bono Economics on the impact of respite on parental mental health, and Bournemouth University and Julia's House on the impact of respite on parental relationships.'**

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