



**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor J Wallace will move the following motion:

“This Council welcomes the decision of the previous Government to transfer responsibility for public health to local councils and believes that Gateshead Council is in a better position than Government to address local public health issues.

This Council expresses deep concern that the decision of the new Government to impose a cut of £200 million to the current year’s public health budget in England is damaging to service provision and long term planning.

This Council notes that the Government are consulting on how to achieve the £200 million savings and notes with concern that one option is the return of public health money unspent from the previous financial year.

This Council notes with concern the £1 million underspend on public health in Gateshead in 2014/15 and that this money may have to be returned to Government.

This Council calls on the Government to retain previously agreed budgets for public health and to cancel the £200 million in year cut.”

Proposed by: Councillor J Wallace

Seconded by: Councillor P Maughan

Supported by: Councillor F Hindle  
Councillor S Hawkins  
Councillor C McHatton