



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**15 December 2016**

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor M Foy will move the following motion:

Council notes that a Sustainability and Transformation Plan has been developed for Northumberland, Tyne & Wear and North Durham area that sets out the current position regarding key challenges to the health and wellbeing of local people in a way that is sustainable for the health system as a whole.

Council recognises widespread public concern regarding the Government's Sustainability and Transformation Plan process, and notes comment from the King's Fund that 'the STP process provides a low point, even in the competitive field of NHS mishaps'.

The Council also notes, with concern, recent proposals to close the Bede and Greenside branch surgeries. It supports the decision of the Care, Health & Wellbeing OSC to make representations to the Department of Health regarding this matter, which has particular implications for areas such as Gateshead where significant health and wellbeing inequalities are still prevalent.

This Council pledges to continue to work with local partners and local people to ensure that health services meet their needs and keep NHS services in public ownership.

Proposed by: Councillor M Foy

Seconded by: Councillor M Brain

Supported by: Councillor J McElroy  
Councillor D Donovan