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| Report Title | Motion 5 in the name of Councillor Hall to be seconded by Councillor Foxcroft | |
| Key Decision | | Item No. |
| Ward | | |
| Contributors | Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee) | |
| Class | Part 1 | Date: November 27 2013 |

Council applauds the decision of the Judges in throwing out Jeremy Hunt's appeal in relation to the downgrading of services at Lewisham Hospital. This clearly vindicates the Council in challenging this decision and the communities who joined our fight to save this much loved Hospital through the "Save Lewisham Hospital" campaign.

Council notes that the Government put forward an amendment to the Care Bill designed to make it easier for the Government and Trust Special Administrators to close or make changes to the services provided at other hospitals, no matter how good they are or what support they have in the local community.

Furthermore, Council is disappointed that an attempt, in the Lords, to stop this amendment was defeated. The proposed amendment to the legislation, prior to the outcome of the Appeal, suggests that the grounds of appeal were shaky, which raises questions about the use of public money to fight this appeal.

Our victory over Lewisham Hospital is a testament to the great community spirit and sheer hard work and dedication of all those Lewisham residents and health workers who were prepared to join us in challenging the Government and Council pays tribute to them.