

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 4 in the name of Councillor Hall to be seconded by Councillor Hordijenko	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: November 28 2018

World AIDS Day

“On the 1st December 2018 it is World AIDS Day. This day is supported by UNAIDS internationally and the National AIDS Trust in the UK, along with regional and local organisations.

HM Government set out its "Prevention is better than cure" health strategy on 5th November 2018. The Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock MP states that we need to see a greater investment in prevention - to support people to live longer, healthier and more independent lives, and help to guarantee our health and social care services for the long-term.

However, this Council notes:

Kat Smithson, Director of Policy and Campaigns at NAT (National AIDS Trust) said: “We welcome the Secretary of State's aim to renew the focus on prevention within our health and care system. But, if you read between the lines, what is being described in this strategy are those very services that could and should be provided through the public health system that, at the moment, cannot meet need because it has been starved of resource.

"The ambition of this strategy cannot be reconciled with the £700 million cut to the local public health grant in this spending review period.

"We look forward to seeing more in the upcoming Green Paper on prevention - we urge the Secretary of State to use this as an opportunity to commit to, and invest in, public health services as a vital component of our health and care system that has been sidelined for too long.

“Yes, we need to focus on prevention. But, there’s an obvious solution - don’t cut the very services that do this as their bread and butter. Restore public health funding.”

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

1. Send a message of support to the National AIDS Trust on World AIDS Day to support the campaign to End AIDS 2030

2. Request that the Director for Public Health draft a response to the forthcoming Green Paper asking for Public Health funds to be restored
3. These responses be published.

Note:

“End AIDS 2030” is a UN initiative that NAT are supporting this year see:

<http://www.worldaidsday.org/2018-campaign/>