

13. To consider the following Notices of Motion:-

(a) Motion received from Councillor S A Spencer:-

This Council resolves to continue its commitment to funding and working with the Peak District National Park on issues related to green lanes.

Furthermore, Derbyshire County Council is committed to protecting the natural environment and reducing the environmental damage caused to our green lanes across the county.

(b) Motion received from Councillor W Major:-

This council will put on hold the cuts to the Housing Related Support Programme while a review is carried out by a task and finish group made up of members of the Public Health and People Scrutiny Committees. The task and finish group will investigate and report back to full council on:

- What return Derbyshire County Council and partner agencies make from this investment
- What service pressures the proposed changes will have on borough and district councils, CCGs and the NHS in Derbyshire
- Provide recommendations on any changes to phase 1 and 2 of the plan to cut the Housing Related Support Service programme.

(c) Motion received from Councillor Ms E Wilcox:-

The County Council is concerned that regardless of the changes at a macroeconomic level, most Derbyshire people remain significantly worse off than they were prior to the banking crisis.

Whilst we welcome the devolution of some service responsibility to councils, who are often best placed to deal with the day-to-day issues and problems that arise within people's lives, this cannot be achieved unless funding follows the relocation of responsibility.

The County Council recognises that even where appropriate funding may have been devolved, the number of people within Derbyshire subject to major cost of living increases – relating to rents, mortgages, food and energy costs – are those with the least financial resilience, being hit harder than any other group.

With national growth spiking at just 0.8% in the last quarter of 2013, cuts in important Council services may need to be even more severe over the next three years. This will inevitably lead to a marked deterioration in the quality of life of those who are most vulnerable, despite the best efforts of voluntary organisations, anxious to help yet competing to access an ever-diminishing pot of resources.

In order to protect vulnerable families and individuals, many of whom are in work or seeking work, the County Council calls for its Members to focus their efforts on addressing the issue

of growing hunger and poverty, and to ensure that the impact of all policy proposals are scrutinised under an anti-poverty agenda