

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

25 November 2021

Title: Urgent Motions

7. Motion signed by Councillors C Johnson, S Graham and C Burdis

Government rail chaos

Reason for requesting the motion being heard urgently. The governments Integrated rail plan was only released after the deadline for questions and motions and by the time of the next council meeting these issues will be well down the primary legislation process and government spending commitments.

North Tyneside council notes:

- The Conservative Governments Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) is a disaster for the North East.
- That while the North East was never to benefit from High Speed 2 track, the IRP means no HS2 trains will now come to the North East and the planned depot at Heaton has been cancelled.
- The IRP cuts means that the North East will no longer be part of the core Northern Powerhouse Rail network further cutting us off from the rest of the North.
- Capacity on the East Coast Main Line (ECML) north of York has been a major issue holding back our region.
- The IRP has cut the proposed capacity on the ECML from the proposed 9 down to 7 trains per hour a paltry improvement of 1 train per hour.
- The Conservative Government have also refused to take forward crucial work on the Leamside line which would unlock further passenger routes in the North East and create capacity on the ECML by removing freight.

North Tyneside council believes:

- That the IRP will curtails the regions connectivity and be an economic hammer blow for the North East
- The Conservative Government far from levelling up our region as promised are actively ruling out investment in our region

North Tyneside council call upon the Mayor to:

- Write to the Prime Minister urging him to reverse the cuts to the Eastern leg of HS2, Northern Powerhouse Rail and to progress with the reopening of the Leamside line.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this motion

8. Motion signed by Councillors A McMullen, M Rankin and J Kirwin

Social Care

Reason for requesting the motion being heard urgently. The governments amendment to the bill was after the deadline for questions and motions and by the time of the next council meeting these issues will be well down the primary legislation process and government spending commitments.

North Tyneside council notes:

- The new social care levy of 1.25% which the government is imposing on North Tyneside residents will provide no additional money this year, next year or the year after for North Tyneside council to spend on social care.
- The only money the government will allow any local councils to raise will be via the social care council tax precept, which was introduced in 2015 meaning that the government is yet again passing responsibility for paying for social care back to local residents.
- The 2019 Conservative manifesto proclaimed that no one would have to sell their homes to pay for social care.
- The average home owner in North Tyneside would have to use up to 40% of their home value to pay for social care while in Kensington and Chelsea this is only 6% of their home.
- Someone with £106,000 in assets would be left with £20,000 and not be eligible for any means tested funding.
- The 'social care cap' only includes the cost of care and does not include other social care costs such as accommodation and subsistence.

North Tyneside Council believes:

- The Conservative Governments social care plan does nothing to fix the immediate crisis in social care.
- People in North Tyneside will be forced at the hands of the Conservatives to sell their home to pay for social care.

North Tyneside council call upon the Mayor to:

- Write to the Prime Minister urging him to properly fund social care for local authorities and to properly fund social care so no one has to sell their home.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this motion.