

MOTION TO SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SCHEDULED FOR 10TH SEPTEMBER 2007.

S&C notes the Cabinet decision of 17th April to pursue a twin track approach looking at both enhanced partnership working and the contract approach regarding the issue of advice delivery in Cheltenham. Despite this, O&S notes that at its meeting of 18th July, Cabinet considered the contract option only.

S&C therefore condemns the decision by the Cabinet to ignore the recommendation of the O&S report and its own resolution passed on 17th April.

S&C notes that the contract will be limited to housing, benefits and debt and that other forms of advice will **not** be delivered in future including Consumer issues; Employment issues; Health issues; Immigration; Tax; Relationship breakdown; Travel; Utilities and so on **even if the CAB win the current contract.**

S&C condemns this decision because it will substantially reduce the availability of advice for the people of Cheltenham.

S&C notes the resolution at Full Council on 28th June at which a majority of Councillors voted to urge the Cabinet to include the broad range of advice in any contract.

S&C condemns the decision to ignore the Full Council resolution.

S&C notes the failure of the Chair of O&S to represent the position of the committee to the Cabinet on 17th April, and her failure to raise any objection to the Cabinet refusing to consider the O&S working party report advocating the partnership option at its meeting of 18th July, and reminds her of the scrutiny role of O&S, and the need for the Chair to represent its findings rather than her own opinions.

S&C resolves that it therefore has no confidence in her as Chair of O&S and requests that next full Council scheduled for 8th October remove her from the position and appoint a new Chairperson.

S&C notes that its recommendations to the Cabinet have been ignored and therefore resolves to dedicate its next full meeting scheduled for 15th October to examine this and the implications of the policy accepted by the Cabinet on 18th July.