

## Stepping Hill Hospital – Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Bid

This Council Meeting:

- Welcomes Government investment in the biggest hospital building programme in a generation backed by an initial £3.7bn of funding for new hospitals; and
- Recognises that competition will be fierce in the latest round of bids submitted.

This Council Meeting notes that:

- Stepping Hill Hospital first opened 116 years ago in 1905 and has provided valuable service since then, including as a military hospital in the First World War;
- Stepping Hill Hospital serves the populations of Stockport, East Cheshire and the High Peak in North Derbyshire and currently sees around 500,000 patients a year;
- As an estate, the Hospital has a number of challenges, partly resulting from its age and the growth in population it serves, including maintenance, layout and accessibility;
- These challenges mean the hospital does not represent the optimum for delivering 21<sup>st</sup> century services to the residents of Stockport and beyond;
- The growth of the hospital has also led to long standing problems for local residents with parking issues on the local streets around the site; and
- The Government has awarded Stockport NHS Foundation Trust £30.6M to fund an emergency care and pathology campus at Stepping Hill Hospital.

This Council Meeting therefore:

- Supports Stockport NHS Foundation Trust in their bid for a new hospital located in the Town Centre where it could be more accessible, close to public transport interchanges, and potentially contribute to levelling up and regenerating the Town Centre;
- Requests, that should the Foundation Trust secure funding, that the Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration takes action to ensure that the Stepping Hill Hospital site be considered a strategic site in the Borough and work with partners at the Foundation Trust to consider how any vacated buildings and land could best serve the Borough's future, **ensuring that this opportunity is used to provide a permanent solution to the long-standing parking problems by local residents in the Stepping Hill and Offerton wards;** and
- Requests the Chief Executive write to Stockport NHS Foundation Trust to ask that all efforts are made to expedite the delivery of the new emergency campus in recognition of the increased calls on emergency care and to ensure that Stockport residents benefit from this as soon as possible, acknowledging that the journey from initial bid to any potential delivery would be likely to span a number of years.

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