

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD



<b>TO:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>FROM:</b>	Director of Commissioning and Adults
<b>DATE:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2014

**SUBJECT:** Petition regarding funding for East Lancashire Hospice

**1. PURPOSE:**

To notify the Health and Wellbeing Board of a petition received by the Council regarding funding for East Lancashire Hospice

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board and partner agencies note the petition.

**3. BACKGROUND:** A petition has been received by the Council in relation to funding for East Lancashire Hospice. The petition is headed: 'East Lancashire Hospice deserves more funding from the Government'. The petition contains signatures gathered in central Blackburn on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013, and is accompanied by a covering letter from Mr Douglas Andrews, attached as appendix 1.

**4. RATIONALE:** The letter describes the uncertain status of funding currently received from charitable donations and the national lottery, and calls for increased funding to be provided by local government. Hospices nationally are lobbying government about the wider role they play in terms of social care and are lobbying for direct social care funding.

**5. KEY ISSUES:** The letter was received in the Council on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013, and was noted verbally by the Leader of the Council at the Executive Board on 10<sup>th</sup> October. The Executive Board agreed to notify the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and local MP's of receipt of the letter and petition. A further report relating to the petition will be submitted to a future meeting of the Executive Board.

**6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Funding for health-related services is a consideration for a range of bodies, including the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Health and Well-being Board, hence the sharing of the petition with these bodies.

**7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The letter and petition make reference to the financial pressures faced by the East Lancashire Hospice. There are no direct financial implications for the Council at this time.

**8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:** East Lancashire Hospice is an independent body, with no direct legal

links to the Council.

**9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:** The letter refers to significant pressures faced by East Lancashire Hospice in funding their work through donations and grants.

**10. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:** East Lancashire Hospice provides health-related support, in particular end-of-life care, to people from across the area irrespective of background.

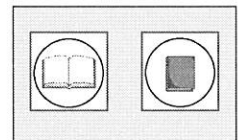
**11. CONSULTATIONS:** This letter and attached petition has been submitted by a local resident, on behalf of local people who have submitted their signatures.

<b>VERSION:</b>	<b>1.0</b>
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<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Steve Tingle
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<b>DATE:</b>	11 December 2013
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<b>BACKGROUND PAPER:</b>	Letter and petition received.
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29/09/2013

Dear Sir/Madam

The signatories of the enclosed petition wish to see more funding from the local government for East Lancashire Hospice. They all appreciate that cuts are having to be made across the board, but still feel this is a cause that deserves increased support. East Lancashire Hospice needs to raise over two million pounds through charitable donations a year with an extra one million currently provided by the national lottery. This three million pounds is needed in order merely to function, but the lottery funding is at constant risk. Should this funding be refused the hospice would certainly struggle to raise the money required to function without governmental assistance (originating either at a local or national level).

Over one hundred and eighty people signed the petition over a period of just 5 hours in central Blackburn on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and we feel they reflect the general consensus of the residents of Blackburn with Darwin. During the collecting of signatures almost all people we spoke to were approving of the aims of the petition and agreed with its sentiment.