

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY, 22ND APRIL 2016, 5.30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

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2 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT CHORLEY AND SOUTH RIBBLE HOSPITAL.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Alistair Bradley and Peter Wilson.

“Chorley Council expresses its alarm at the decision taken by Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust to close the Accident & Emergency Department at Chorley & South Ribble Hospital. The Council recognises the importance of the A&E service here in Chorley and is deeply concerned about the impact its closure will have on our residents, in particular the additional burden that will be placed on Preston Hospital and the capacity to deal with all emergency cases in an appropriate manner. The Council recognises the financial pressures faced by the NHS and the national shortage of doctors, but is deeply concerned that the problem at Chorley & South Ribble appears to be more acute than anywhere else and therefore asks the Trust for an explanation as to why this is the case and what efforts have been made to recruit staff and avoid closure. Given the concerns about treatment and quality of care for Chorley residents, we ask that the A&E department at Chorley Hospital is re-opened as a matter of urgency.”

In relation to the motion submitted, it is hoped that information will be available from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals and this will be circulated as soon as possible.

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