

Key Decision Required:	No	In the Forward Plan:	No
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CABINET

12 JULY 2013

REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL

A.1 MATERNITY SERVICES WITHIN CLACTON AND HARWICH

(Report prepared by Colin Sweeney)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To report to Cabinet a motion submitted at the meeting of the Council held on 2 July 2013.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out a motion submitted by Councillor I Henderson to the meeting of the Council held on 2 July 2013, relating to a proposed reduction in maternity services within Clacton and Harwich, which was referred to the Cabinet by the Chairman of the Council for consideration and report in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.4.

RECOMMENDATION

That, following the explanation of the motion by Councillor Henderson, the Cabinet decides whether to recommend the Council to support the motion.

PART 2 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

At a meeting of the Council held on 2 July 2013, the following motion was moved by Councillor I Henderson and, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.4, stood referred to the Cabinet for consideration and report:

“This Council expresses grave concern that the intention to reduce Maternity Services at either Clacton or Harwich will reduce a woman’s choice, reduce post natal care and impose a 40 mile round trip for family and friends in areas of low car ownership and poor public transport.

It further calls upon the Executive to lobby at all levels to prevent any reduction in Maternity services at either Clacton or Harwich.”

CURRENT POSITION

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.5, Councillor Henderson has been invited to attend the meeting and explain the motion.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None.

APPENDICES

None.