

NOTICE OF MOTION

That this Council notes with concern the impact of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement on the Spending Review, on the 20th October 2010, on deprived communities in Stockton Borough and the rest of the North East of England. In particular we are concerned by the withdrawal of targeted funding such as the Working Neighbourhoods Fund, which has been hugely important in supporting initiatives in the most deprived neighbourhoods in Stockton Borough.

We call on the Government to recognise the unfairness of its approach to funding reductions over the next four years when compared with other regions and to reconsider its decision to end the Working Neighbourhoods Fund.

The Council further calls on the Government to review its approach to the front loading of savings into the first years of the Spending Review and spread the impact over the four years of the period of the Review.