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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Council
<b>DATE:</b>	19 July 2007
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Services
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Councillor Les Ellington, Cabinet Member (Public Protection and Rural Affairs)
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	North Yorkshire Primary Care Trust Debt
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	ALL
<b>FORWARD PLAN REF:</b>	N/A

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## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 At the Council meeting on 18th April 2007, Councillor Andrew Jones proposed the following Notice of Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Richard Cooper:

*This Council calls on the Government to write off the historic debt of the North Yorkshire Primary Care Trust.*

- 1.2 The Notice of Motion was referred to the former Cabinet Member (Public Protection) who subsequently discussed the motion with Councillors A Jones and Cooper

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 2.1 The discussion with Councillors Jones and Cooper the main issues discussed were: -
- The effect the historic debt could have on future patient care;
  - The strong local support for local health services;
  - The excellent performance of our local hospitals;
  - The broad political support for writing off the historic debt in North Yorkshire

- That some of the surplus generated by the NHS nationally was in part made possible by cuts to strategic health authority budgets that usually would have been used for public health programmes, medical education and clinical training according to the independent Kings Fund
- That Councillor Jones was currently circulating a petition to constituents on this issue and that the feedback was supportive of writing off the debt

- 2.2 It was generally accepted in the discussion with Councillors A Jones and Cooper that, while the Council could not directly influence the situation, it could and should bring pressure to bear on the Government on behalf of local people.
- 2.3 It was agreed that the Council would write to the Secretary of State for Health following the full Council meeting where this meeting would be discussed.
- 2.4 In the discussion with the Councillors A Jones and Cooper the Cabinet Member agreed to support the Notice of Motion.

### Background Papers –

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### SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT/CRIME AND DISORDER

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy			
B	Environment			
C	Social Equity			
i)	General			
ii)	Customer Care/People with Disabilities			
iii)	Health Implications			
D	Crime and Disorder			

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable