

## **Resolution for Greenwich West Ward submission to Greenwich and Woolwich Labour Party General Committee**

“This Constituency welcomes adoption of NHS Composite Resolution 8 at Labour Conference. This commits Labour to end the Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) and the Five Year Forward View (FYFV) which is the Tory strategy for breaking up the NHS into 44 Americanised ‘Accountable Care Systems’ (ACS). This measure, bypassing Parliamentary debate and due legislative process, could see a sell-off of NHS sites (many currently providing clinical services), limited provision of services within restricted budgets, replacement of NHS hospitals with privately-run, deskilled community units, and adoption of user charges . It also threatens the thin veneer of democratic accountability through GP-led CCGs (Clinical Commissioning Groups)

We cannot wait: in 5 years these measures will probably be irreversible. The policy agreed at Conference must now be followed up at local level. Labour, at all levels, must defend the NHS. We acknowledge efforts made by the Council supporting local NHS public services, the workforce and local health economy. As new threats emerge, such efforts must continue. We call upon the Council Leader, relevant Cabinet Member and all Councillors to demand a moratorium on any further proposed changes that are not helpful to patients, are costly and are not in the public interest, including commissioning, contracting and the development of ACS. Furthermore, the Council should note efforts by other Councils, eg in Liverpool, West London, Islington, and North Devon, to challenge and frustrate damaging elements of STPs, and act where possible to prevent measures which are neither democratic nor in the public interest.”