Councillor Robinson has submitted the following motion:

“Barking & Dagenham Council welcomes and celebrates the 70th anniversary of the creation of the National Health Service.

In July 1948, universal healthcare services free at the point of use were rolled out across the country and Labour’s proudest achievement was born. Since then, the NHS has transformed the wellbeing of our nation, eradicated diseases, pioneered new treatments and ensured that we can all expect to live longer lives.

This Council notes that none of this would be possible without the skill, dedication and compassion of our past and present NHS staff. All Members would like to place on record their thanks to those working in our borough’s health and social care services, many of whom often work in very difficult circumstances.

This Council is also alarmed by the current crisis in the NHS that has been caused by years of Tory underfunding. This Council believes that our NHS and social care system should be fully funded, and that the extra £20bn committed by the Government is not enough to tackle the immediate crisis.

Barking & Dagenham Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Prime Minister urging them to:

- Fully fund our NHS and social care system
- Properly integrate health and social care services
- Halt the plans to close the A&E at King George Hospital
- Guarantee hospital treatment within 18 weeks
- Ensure the 4-hour A&E waiting time target is met
- Prioritise children’s health services
- Expand mental health services
- Invest in modern equipment and facilities for the future”