

COUNCIL 22ND APRIL 2024

MOTION ON NOTICE

9(2) Lightbulb Service

The following motion on notice has been submitted by Councillor Snartt in accordance with Full Council Procedure Rule 9.12:

This Conservative Group motion calls on the administration to engage fully with the Lightbulb Partnership without delay to be fully integrated in the Lightbulb Partnership, which provides an integrated offer focused on health and wellbeing outcomes, such as maximising independence in the home and preventing falls.

The Conservative Group understands when the Lightbulb Partnership was set up across Leicestershire it was understood that Charnwood Borough Council would become fully integrated into the hub and spokes arrangement.

Due to the recent poor performance in this area of the Council's business which affects some of the most vulnerable people within the Borough. The Conservative Group believes the Council will deliver an improved outcome when fully integrated into the Lightbulb Service, especially when peak workloads occur.

We are assuming that the Leader had sight of the Independent Review of the Charnwood Lightbulb operation when making the decision to approve the delegation of authority for the extension to the Lightbulb Service up to one year. This review included background information recommending the introduction of a Home Improvement Agency model for the disabled facilities grant service within Charnwood, delivered either part of the Leicestershire Lightbulb Partnership or delivering this service independently. The current integrated Lightbulb Service not an option.

The Conservative Group would not support this service being delivered independently for the reasons outlined above. Therefore, would the Leader confirm that he will engage with the Lightbulb Partnership without delay so that an outcome, with timescales, to improve the current performance levels to our most vulnerable Borough residents can be achieved with some urgency. In our view, this cannot continue in its current form for another year.