

## Budget Boost for Social Care

In today's Budget the Chancellor announced Â£2 billion additional grant funding for social care over the next three years, Â£1 billion of which will be made available in 2017/18. This is on top of the Â£900 million made available to councils through changes to precepts and will allow local authorities to act now to commission new care packages.

Alongside additional funding, the Health and Communities Secretaries will announce measures to identify and support authorities which are struggling, and to ensure more joined up working with the NHS. The government will set out its thinking on the options for the future financing of social care in a Green Paper later this year.

It is crucial that we look after the elderly people in our local community. I know that, like me, many constituents will be pleased that the Government is providing additional funds to support adult social care in the short term whilst rightly pursuing a long term solution. I will be working with local stakeholders to ensure MK get its fair share once details are announced.