

Mark welcomes Government Retention of Mobility Allowance

City MP Mark Lancaster has welcomed the Government's decision to retain the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance for people living in residential care homes. The allowance, aimed at helping ensure that disabled people retain their independence was due to be stopped in October 2012 and was paid at two different rates, a higher rate of Â£51.40 per week and a lower rate of Â£19.55 dependent on need.

Mark said; "Whilst it is clear the overall the Government's reforms of the benefits system are a positive move, having met many of my constituents who were going to be hit adversely hard by the removal of this allowance I became convinced of their arguments and lobbied hard for its retention. I am pleased that the Government has recognised their concerns and seen fit to retain it. This is the right decision and I am sure will be a great relief to many of my constituents".