



## **Joint Trade Union Statement Regarding the Future of Walker Grange**

Dear Cabinet Member,

The Joint Trade Unions representing staff at Walker Grange did request the opportunity of making a statement within the report to yourselves, but clearly this is not happened. Hence, this separate communication which we hope you will also include within your deliberations.

Our members are dedicated to helping the residents at Walker Grange and feel passionate about the service they provide to the public of Sandwell.

This consultation has caused our members stress and anxiety about the future of the service they provide. Our members view themselves as public servants that believe their services are best delivered as a public sector service.

It is noted that the residents also value the service at Walker Grange, and on-the-whole wish the service to remain there.

It is welcome that management have acknowledged the strong views of both the service users and your staff and recommended option 3 of investing in Walker Grange to make it fit for the future.

Being Labour Councillors, we hope you apply the Labour value of public services being provided by the public sector and agree with the recommendations within the report.

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