<u>Shocking that Government would rather</u> give billions to big banks than invest in children's services – Dowd</u>

Peter Dowd MP, Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, commenting on the vote on Labour's reasoned amendment to the Finance Bill said:

"It is deeply shocking that this Government would rather give billions away to the big banks than invest in children's services.

"This Bill does nothing to reverse seven years of wasted austerity, which has seen growth slowing, wages stagnating and poverty on the increase.

"The next Labour Government will make very different decisions to ensure that children's services are fully funded and protected through our plans to build an economy for the many, not the few."