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| COUNCIL | AGENDA ITEM No. 14 |
| 17 APRIL 2013 | PUBLIC REPORT |

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with Standing Order 15.2:

1. Motion from Councillor Murphy

That this council:

1. Notes and welcomes the UK-wide campaign to end 'legal loan sharking' and welcomes the establishment of Peterborough's new credit union shop at 3 Cattlemarket Road by the Rainbow Saver Anglia Credit Union;
2. Believes that unaffordable credit extracts wealth from the most deprived communities, and that the lack of access to affordable credit is socially and economically damaging with unaffordable credit causing a myriad of unwanted effects such as poorer diets, colder homes, rent, council tax and utility arrears, depression (which impacts on job seeking behaviour) and poor health;
3. Believes it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure affordable credit for all; and therefore
4. Pledges to use best practice to promote financial literacy and affordable lending to help to ensure that wealth stays in the local economy;
5. Pledges to promote credit unions in Peterborough, community-based co-operative organisations offering access to affordable credit and promoting saving to all members of the community;
6. Will work to make credit union payroll deduction facilities available to council staff to facilitate easy access to local credit unions and support saving for people in the area;
7. Asks the Leader of the Council to write to the government to introduce caps on the total lending rates that can be charged for providing credit; and to give local authorities the power to veto licences for high street credit agencies where they could have negative economic or social impacts on communities.

2. Motion from Councillor Sandford

Council notes that, as reported on the local government news website www.localgov.co.uk on 8 April 2013 http://www.localgov.co.uk/index.cfm?method=news_detail&id=109392, Communities and Local Government Secretary, the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP has launched a consultation with a view to preventing local authorities from publishing council newspapers and other material with a political slant.

Mr Pickles is quoted as saying:

‘Some councils are undermining the free press and wasting taxpayers' money which should be spent carefully on the front line services that make a real difference to quality of life. ‘It should not, under any circumstances, be used to fund political propaganda and Town Hall Pravdas and yet a hardcore minority of councils continue to ignore the rules despite public concern... legislation will stop this disgraceful misuse of public money, which damages local democracy and threatens an independent, free and vibrant local press.’

In view of these concerns expressed by Government, Council requests the Cabinet to reconsider its proposed expansion of Your Peterborough and to cease publication of the council newspaper with immediate effect.

3. Motion from Councillor Sandford

Council notes:

1. The clear evidence which shows that restricting traffic speed has a significant beneficial impact on reducing the number and severity of road accidents, particularly those involving children;
2. That 34 local authorities (including Bristol, Cambridge, Newcastle, York, Liverpool, Islington, Southwark and Camden) have introduced 20mph speed limits in residential areas covering more than 8 million people and that many other councils have either agreed in principle or are actively considering similar proposals.

Council therefore calls upon the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee to investigate the benefits of extending 20 mph speed limits throughout residential areas in the Peterborough District and to present proposals to the Cabinet not later than 30 September 2013.