

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
8 OCTOBER 2008	PUBLIC REPORT

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with Standing Order 11.1:

1. Motion from Councillor Lane

That this Council:

1. records its concern that gas and electricity bills for domestic consumers have risen significantly this year with potentially serious consequences for a great number of households, especially the fuel poor;
2. acknowledges the Government's £910 million energy efficiency drive to assist domestic consumers to reduce their fuel costs, but recognises that the initiative provides a medium to long term solution and does not serve to ensure that vulnerable households will receive the immediate help that they desperately need; and
3. instructs its officers to consider, as a matter of urgency, how financial aid can be made available by the most appropriate method to vulnerable households.

2. Motion from Councillor Lamb

That this Council:

1. acknowledges the significant barriers to independent mobility experienced by blind people leaving them isolated and finding it difficult to access services without mobility assistance;
2. recognises that many visually impaired people are supported by the Primary Care Trust in Peterborough, as well as several local voluntary and community organisations;
3. notes that blind people are not entitled to the higher mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), and therefore;
4. requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in support of the Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) campaign to secure the higher rate mobility component of DLA for blind people.

3. Motion from Councillor Sandford

That this Council notes:

1. that Peterborough City Council has signed the Nottingham Declaration on climate change and developed a Climate Change Strategy;
2. two key aspects of the strategy are that the City Council should seek to achieve significant reductions in carbon emissions in all its activities and set an example to the people and communities of Peterborough;
3. it is good for everyone, including Council staff to drink adequate amounts of water so as to promote health and well-being, but there is no significant evidence that bottled water is any healthier than that which is supplied through a tap by Anglian Water;
4. sourcing, packaging, transport and the sale of bottled water is highly carbon intensive, often involving moving it over hundreds of miles and the use of disposable plastic bottles; and
5. Peterborough aspires to become the Environment Capital of the UK and hence, needs to behave in an exemplary way in all aspects of environmental performance;

Therefore, the Council requests the Cabinet to:

1. ensure that as many Council staff as possible have access to water coolers in or near their offices, thus providing them with a good supply of tap water at a pleasant and refreshing temperature for drinking;
2. instructs its officers to cease providing bottled water at any meeting, conference or other event organised by the Council or taking place on Council premises; and
3. where appropriate, promote this as the policy of the Council and seek to influence other local organisations to follow the Council's example.

4. Motion from Councillor Sharp

That this Council:

1. recognises the magnificent achievements of Louis Smith, other Olympians and Para-Olympians from our area at the Olympic Games in Beijing;
2. notes that whilst top athletes attract significant support from lottery funding and other funding streams, others must rely on the provision of facilities locally and such facilities have been removed over the years;
3. states its commitment to providing sporting opportunities for young people within the city to enable them to emulate the successes of our Olympians; and
4. requests that an all-party group be established to investigate ways of funding training facilities to support our budding stars of the future and that the group reports back on its proposals within a period of eighteen months.