

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 8 (iii)
14 OCTOBER 2009	PUBLIC REPORT

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

1. Motion from Councillor Fower

That this Council:

- (i) Joins the thousands of individuals, schools, hospitals, business and local authorities all actively helping to combat climate change by making simple changes to their lifestyles, homes and workplaces, by adding its support to the national initiative: 1010 www.1010uk.org which is aimed at cutting carbon emissions nationally by 10% in 2010.

2. Motion from Councillor Holdich

That this Council:

- (i) Notwithstanding the City Council's efforts to obtain a footbridge at the Foxcovert Road railway crossing when the line from Peterborough to Spalding is upgraded, agrees to urge Network Rail to ensure that there are some other safety measures installed at this crossing without delay, until such time as the footbridge can be achieved.

3. Motion from Councillor John Fox

That this Council:

- (i) Notes the annual allowance it provides for the upkeep of such green spaces as Central Park, Bretton Park and Itter Park and supports the provision of an annual contribution to help maintain Cuckoo's Hollow in Werrington to the standard that has been achieved in recent years; and
- (ii) Recognises that without such guaranteed regular income, Cuckoo's Hollow will fall into a state of neglect and become an eyesore for residents of North and South Werrington.

4. Motion from Councillor Goldspink

That this Council:

- (i) Notes that the best estimates available indicate that expenditure on translation services averaged over £107,000 per annum over the period 1/4/07 to 31/3/09, and requests the Cabinet to ensure that at least 60% of this sum is redirected into improving the advertising, availability and take up of English Language courses, achieving the reduction in translation costs by using Language Line more widely, or even Google translate.

5. Motion from Councillor Sandford

That this Council:

- (i) Notes the severe impact of the economic recession on people and families in Peterborough, with many suffering loss of employment, reduced incomes and associated hardship and stress;
- (ii) Notes that at the same time a number of senior staff in the public and private sectors continue to enjoy very high levels of pay and that in the public sector, this is often accompanied by generous pension provision and other benefits;
- (iii) Recognises that when the economy recovers from recession, significant reductions in public expenditure will be needed in order to repay the large government debt which has been accumulated and that this will of necessity have to include public sector pay restraint, particularly for those on very high earnings.
- (iv) Requests the Council to consider, in liaison with the Council's Employment Committee, whether the Council's Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Directors and Heads of Service, in particular those earning more than £100,000 per year, should be asked to voluntarily accept a freeze on their salaries for one year commencing 1 April 2010.

6. Motion from Councillor Goldspink

That this Council:

- (i) Agrees that it is not acceptable that the burden of the cost on the Council relating to expenditure on Members' Allowances, plus Democratic Services salaries in support of Members and the new structure for Cabinet, Scrutiny Panels and Neighbourhood Councils in 2009/10, is increasing substantially at a time when the Council's budget is under severe pressure;
- (ii) Agrees, as a matter of policy, that the above budget areas should be restricted to 2008/9 levels, plus no more than the increase in RPI, plus half of one percent for the subsequent three years, unless a proper business case and cost benefit analysis justifying an increase in excess of this is approved first by full Council, to allow a public examination and explanation of the extra costs before they are incurred.