

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
25 JULY 2018	PUBLIC REPORT

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notice of motion has been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders:

1. Motion from Councillor Whitby

"This chamber believes that the recent performance of GOvia/GTR/Thameslink on the main route into London from Peterborough has had a huge, negative impact on the city and its residents, both personal and economic.

We therefore request that the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, make strong representations to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary for Housing, Communities and Local Government to advise them of our concern of the impact that such an occurrence has on the communities who rely on such a major transport link, the economic damage that it does regionally and to this City, and that steps must be taken to ensure that such a disastrous occurrence is avoided in the future by whatever means is necessary"

2. Motion from Councillor Murphy

"Council notes there have been a number of events in the city over recent years to celebrate our diversity and bring groups together as well as campaign against ignorance.

This year we had a successful International women's event at the Town Hall and at the end of June and beginning of July there were a whole series of Pride events in the city. Many organisation and residents participated in events in a proud and positive way. Initiative was taken to join in and the pride flag was flown by the council this year.

Council welcomes these activities that help us bring communities together and celebrate our diversity and Council resolves to support similar events in the future"

3. Motion from Councillor Shaz Nawaz

"In the UK today, there are significant numbers of children who do not currently have British citizenship but have rights to register as British citizens. Many of these children were born in the UK, and others have lived here from a young age, been raised here, educated here, and have never known any other home.

Without access to their citizenship rights, children may find themselves denied opportunities extended to their peers, such as the chance to participate in a school trip or to be eligible for funding so they can undertake higher education.

There are a number of barriers to children registering their citizenship. Registration can be a complex process of prohibitive cost.

Children are charged £1,012 for a process whose administrative cost is published at £372, meaning government is making a profit of £640 from every child who claims their rights.

Where a child is in the care of Peterborough City Council this fee, if it is to be paid, would have to be paid by the Council.

No child should be denied their citizenship rights by reason of a fee. There is no substitute for citizenship, which is vital to future security and sense of belonging.

This Council recognises:

- That the profit-making element of the fee to register citizenship discourages the best outcomes for many of the UKs children
- Because of their duties as corporate parents, the fee for children to register will fall on Councils in the many cases where looked after children qualify for citizenship
- The fee puts Councils in the unacceptable position of having to weigh the benefits of citizenship to a child in their care against the cost to the Council of assisting a child in claiming that right

This Council therefore resolves:

- To write to the minister of immigration demanding that the fee for children to register as British citizens is reduced to the administrative cost; and demanding that looked after children are exempted from the fee in its entirety
- To identify children in their care who are entitled to citizenship, and make sure they are aware of their rights and supported to claim them.”

4. Motion from Councillor Joseph

“Waste continues to be an issue that affects every one of us, whether it is the frequency of our bin collections, what we should recycle or perhaps the most emotive issue of all, flytipping, and most of us will have an opinion on waste in this city.

Following a recommendation from Councillor Holdich and the decision of the Growth, Resources and Environment Scrutiny Committee, a council task and finish group is to be set up to look at the issue of fly-tipping and possible remedies to what is a sickness which has a very negative impact on our Peterborough.

Let us give credit where it is due to the many, many residents who responsibly dispose of their waste, either by taking it to the household waste site at Welland Road or paying £23 for a bulky waste collection.

This Council recognises:

- The considerable cost of addressing fly-tipping
- Waste that may have been able to be upcycled or recycled is being taken to the landfill site creating a greater strain on dwindling resources and a more significant impact on the environment
- Streets littered with the detritus of unwanted goods does not inspire pride. Instead, it lends itself to creating further decay and a higher air of disillusion in our residents.
- It takes many people to report and deal with each incident of fly tipping. As Councillors, many of us feel we spend our time, which would be better spent addressing other issues, doing nothing but reporting issues of flytipping.

The Council therefore resolves to have a greater focus on recycling and upcycling as the Environment Capital of the UK by asking the flytipping start and finish taskforce to:

- Promoting the use of recycling and upcycling companies who can assist with making use of goods which are subsequently reused for other purposes.
- Leading the way for our residents by considering opportunities for recycling and upcycling such as using old tyres as temporary parking restrictors, or planters or and making old children's climbing frames or turning them into chips that can be used in children's play areas as soft landing areas.
- Encouraging the removal of plastics from shops in the city”

5. Motion from Councillor Sandford

“This Council notes that figures produced by the National Nursing and Midwifery Council in April 2018 showed a dramatic drop in those joining their register from the EU, with 805 EU nurses and midwives joining compared with 6,382 the year before – a reduction of 87 percent.

Council also notes that the economy of the UK has become heavily reliant on EU migration, with (according to figures from Mercer Workforce Monitor) 143,000 UK born people leaving the workforce for various reasons in the year upto March 2017 and 147,000 EU migrants from other EU countries joining the workforce.

Council believes that, whatever Brexit deal is agreed between the UK and the EU, there could be significant impacts on Peterborough's economy and the services used by Peterborough people, such as the NHS.

Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to commission work by the Council and its partner organisations to assess the likely impacts of Brexit and, when full details of the Brexit deal (or no deal) are known, to submit a report to Full Council setting out the likely impacts and to recommend any mitigation measures or further actions considered necessary”

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