

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 14
30 JANUARY 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 Ed Murphy:

That this council:

1. Notes the increasing proportion of private rented accommodation in Peterborough and the effects this is having on social cohesion and the detrimental effect on quality of life in neighbourhoods;
2. Notes that the council is introducing an area based registration scheme and is developing policies and practices to improve our neighbourhoods and communities such as bringing empty properties back into use. In other parts of the UK and in English council areas registration schemes have been introduced with an appropriate registration fee levied;
3. Believes that whilst many landlords provide a decent level of service there are significant management, environmental and public health issues associated with some dwellings and a licensing scheme will help mitigate these problems, ensure rent allowances are paid for appropriate dwellings and reduce the levels of illegal eviction and harassment. It is expected that the management of occupants and the housing standard quality will also improve; and
4. Agrees to explore introducing an authority- wide Licensing Scheme for landlords with discounts considered for early registration.

2. Motion from Councillor Nick Thulbourn:

That this council

1. Investigates the possibility of implementing a pay policy consistent with The Living Wage across the entire organisation, leading real change across Peterborough reducing the high levels of poverty of those in work;
2. Further investigates the impact on existing partners and new contracts in the ability of these organisations to implement a living wage policy when dealing with Peterborough City Council; and
3. Agrees that the results of the above investigations be referred to the relevant scrutiny committee for consideration and further recommendation accordingly.

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