

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
17 DECEMBER 2014	PUBLIC REPORT

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 13.1:

1. Motion from Councillor John Fox

1. That the Council acknowledges the work which has already been carried out by Annette Joyce, Assistant Director for Commercial Operations and Pep Cipriano, Commercial Operations Communications Manager, working in conjunction with one of the Beadles, Ernest Mensah-Sekyere, in building up a sporting and cultural link with Kumasi, a city located in the Ashanti region of Ghana; and
2. That in light of the work already undertaken, the Council considers the formation of a 'Friendship Link' with Kumasi in order to allow for further exchanges to take place around areas such as education and to promote friendship between the two cities.

2. Motion from Councillor Nabil Shabbir

This council welcomes and notes the recent decision by MPs in Parliament to recognise the state of Palestine. Recent events have shown that there is a strong feeling in the city across all communities about the plight of the Palestinian people, therefore we request that the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive to write to the Prime minister and ask him to join in recognising the Palestinian state.

3. Motion from Councillor Ed Murphy

That Council:

1. Notes the difficult financial circumstances in Peterborough and the work undertaken by the cross-party working party on the budget to commence savings as early as January;
2. Believes that Members can play their part in making savings through policy development and by making a reduction in the amount being received in special responsibility allowances;
3. Requests that those Members receiving a special responsibility allowance voluntarily agree to surrender that allowance from December 2014 as this will make a saving in the last remaining quarter for this financial year in effect these Members will receive three quarters of the allowances that were budgeted for and that the Leader considers reducing the number of Cabinet Members and Cabinet Advisors.

4. Motion from Councillor Frances Fox

That Council agrees to reduce the number of costly consultants in order to make savings to support vulnerable public services.

5. Motion from Councillor Nick Sandford

This Council notes that:

1. Currently 1.5 million 16 and 17 year olds are denied the vote in public elections in the UK;
2. That the campaign to lower the voting age is supported by thousands of young people across the UK and that the Votes at 16 Coalition consists of a wide range of youth and democracy organisations;

This Council believes that:

1. 16 and 17 year olds are knowledgeable and passionate about the world in which they live and are as capable of engaging in the democratic system as any other citizen;
2. Lowering the voting age to 16, combined with strong citizenship education, would empower young people to better engage in society and influence decisions that will define their future;
3. People who can consent to medical treatment, work full-time, pay taxes, get married or enter a civil partnership and join the armed forces should also have the right to vote.

This Council resolves;

1. To join the Votes at 16 Coalition;
2. To ask the Chief Executive to write to our local MPs to inform them of this decision and ask them to support the campaign in the House of Commons.
3. To promote this policy through its communications;
4. To work with local schools, our Youth MP and the Peterborough Youth Council to raise awareness among young people of the UK system of Government and the role of active citizens in our democracy