

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 12</b>
<b>28 JANUARY 2015</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **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 Richard Ferris**

The Labour Group note previous debates at Full Council and work that has been undertaken on selective licensing schemes in Peterborough. We believe that a city-wide licensing scheme for privately-rented dwellings would:

- provide increased protection for tenants;
- ensure improvements to the standard of accommodation;
- support effective enforcement, and
- offer responsible landlords an accreditation standard

We call upon Peterborough City Council to introduce a city-wide scheme within six months of the new financial year commencing.

### **2. Motion from Councillor John Fox**

Members know of the great value to Peterborough communities that Special Constables give to policing and the role they play as unpaid volunteers within their respective communities.

We also acknowledge that Special Constables have full Police Powers, unlike PCSO's, and are therefore in our opinion more effective as front line Police Officers.

I respectfully ask that this Council write to our two Members of Parliament asking for them to look into the feasibility of paying a retainer fee to Special Constables, so as to help encourage more volunteers to come forward.

The retainer fee could be paid on an annual basis as a result of fixed hour's attendance per annum, such as the Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Reserve Forces.

We believe that this would help encourage more citizens to come forward and volunteer their services, especially in the rural areas where we are seeing less and less of a Police presence.

### **3. Motion from Councillor Ed Murphy**

That:

1. Peterborough Council notes the recent A&E crisis at Peterborough City Hospital and elsewhere in England, and reports that there were 40 patients with no pressing medical needs awaiting discharge taking up beds at the Peterborough hospital;

2. The Council believes that the private sector provision of nursing home, social care and community care in Peterborough is not adequate enough to deal with the current crises. Council believes that a long-term solution involving the public sector with the development of a national care service and integrated NHS strategy should be pursued; and
3. Members instruct the Council to review the situation and consider direct provision of care places in response to the current crisis and we call on the NHS as a matter of urgency to tackle the current shortage of nursing care places. Longer and medium-term solutions such as employing home helps and providing better preventative services should also be implemented so less elderly people in particular present at A and E because their needs will have been addressed at an earlier stage.