

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 7(iii)
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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) Recognises the need to promote openness and transparency in respect of the salaries, Special Responsibility Allowances and expense claims received by elected Members and senior officers;
- (ii) Requests the Cabinet to implement a system, as soon as possible, which would see the salaries, Special Responsibility Allowance and expense claims of all Councillors and senior officers publicised through a link on the Council website homepage, entered in 'Your Peterborough' magazine and throughout all local media.

2. Motion from Councillor Fitzgerald

That this Council:

- (i) Recognises the level of public concern regarding expenses received by those elected to public office and supports the implementation of a system requiring Members of the City Council to annually declare all income they receive as a result of their membership of local, regional, national or international bodies, which is ultimately derived from the public purse.

3. Motion from Councillor John Fox

That this Council:

- (i) Notes that the Government has acknowledged the need for investment to support the work of Cambridgeshire's Fire Control Service by the development of the national Fire Link digital radio project, but that it is now planning to close all existing county emergency fire control services in England and replace them with nine regional fire control centres;
- (ii) Acknowledges that the proposed closure would remove the local knowledge of the fire control operators, end the key links between the brigade control room and those working on the ground at incidents and result in a poorer, less effective service at a greater cost;

(iii) Requests that the Leader of the Council:

- a. Writes to the Government asking that the regionalisation be stopped,
- b. Writes to Cambridgeshire County Council requesting it makes similar representation to the Government;
- c. Writes to the Trade Unions of Cambridgeshire's fire fighters and fire control staff to express support of its members' stand against proposed amalgamation.

4. Motion from Councillor Goldspink

That this Council:

- (i) Notes that the best estimates available indicate that expenditure on translation services averaged in excess of £107,000 per annum over the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2009;
- (ii) Instructs the Cabinet to aim to put at least 25% of this sum into improving the advertising, availability and take-up of English Language courses and ensures that appropriate balancing reduction on fees paid for translating is achieved, possibly by using Language Line more widely in order to ensure better value for money and a more 'preventative' rather than 'reactive' approach to language issues.

5. Motion from Councillor Sandford

That this Council:

- (i) Supports the concerns expressed by the Peterborough Youth Council regarding the high level of bus fares which young people in the city have to pay and that this limits their ability to travel for educational, social and leisure purposes;
- (ii) Acknowledges that the high level of fares discourages young people from developing a habit of using public transport and makes them increasingly reliant on parents for lifts in their cars which is contrary to the Council's stated sustainable transport policies and Peterborough's aspirations to become the Environment Capital of the country;
- (iii) Requests that the Cabinet consult with Peterborough Youth Council and others about these concerns and initiates discussions with local bus companies, with a view to introducing generally available reduced fares for young people, for example a reduced priced 'mega-rider' or similar weekly ticket'.

6. Motion from Councillor Trueman

That this Council:

- (i) Requests the Cabinet to reinstate the European Flag within this Council Chamber.