

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
13 DECEMBER 2017	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 Stuart Martin

Peterborough City Council notes that:

- National Joint Council (NJC) basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms.
- NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012.
- Local terms and conditions for many NJC employees have been cut, impacting on their overall earnings.
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector.
- Job evaluated pay structures are being distorted by bottom-loaded NJC pay settlements. These are required to reflect the increased National Living Wage and the Foundation Living Wage.
- There are growing equal and fair pay risks resulting from this situation.

The council supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council employees and school employees, and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector.

The council welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

The council resolves to:

- Call immediately on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review, and to notify the council of their subsequent action.
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding towards a pay rise and the pay spine review.
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.

2. Motion from Councillor Mahboob Hussain

Peterborough City Council notes that Queensgate have recently removed some of the benches that were popular with

Peterborough's elderly population and introduced new modern seating, which many feel that they cannot use.

The council believes that it would be better for Queensgate to retain some seating that is more suitable for older people and those with mobility issues or disabilities.

The council understands that Queensgate management has listened to resident and has arranged

for more appropriate seating to be installed and passes on its thanks for this.

3. Motion from the Labour Group

The Council welcomes the acquisition of empty buildings to accommodate homeless families. It is anticipated that the advent of Universal Credit will further increase homelessness.

The Council notes with concern that planned housing developments, where developers are required to provide a proportion of housing as social and affordable, is taking much longer.

The Council resolves to;

1. Seek every opportunity to acquire empty properties to accommodate homeless families and individuals.
2. Ensure developers are given deadlines with penalties to ensure the development is completed within agreed timescales.

4. Motion from the Labour Group

The Council notes with concern that there appears to be no answer to the rising crime figures in our city. This is making many communities in parts of our city feel unsafe and does not bode well for the city.

Many residents complain of open drug dealing on our streets, with the perpetrators having no fear of getting caught.

Recent figures show sharp rise in violent crime and domestic abuse.

The Council resolves to ask the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide adequate resources to stem this rise in crime and bring the perpetrators to justice.

5. Motion from Councillor Nick Sandford

Council notes the increasing evidence that diesel engines are a source of particulates and other noxious substances that can cause significant damage to human health.

Council recognises that Stagecoach have a policy of progressively modernising their fleet of buses in Peterborough but in other parts of the country there has been much more progress on introducing electric, hybrid and other ultra-low emission buses. For example, at 30 June 2017, Transport for London was running 2,729 hybrid buses and 71 fully electric ones, out of a total bus fleet of 9,590.

Council therefore asks the Cabinet and our officers to work with Stagecoach and with the Cambs/Peterborough Mayor and the Combined Authority to investigate the feasibility of introducing more hybrid, electric and other ultra-low emission buses in Peterborough.