

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
24 JANUARY 2018	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 Shaz Nawaz

Peterborough is proud of its diverse and multicultural demographic composition. As a city we have always celebrated and promoted the core values of tolerance, inclusion and unity.

We have a local football club, FC Peterborough, which has players from over 20 different racial backgrounds. Unfortunately, in their experience, these same core values are not encountered on the football pitch. FC Peterborough’s players have been subjected to numerous incidents of verbal and even physical abuse, motivated by racial, Islamophobic and or other prejudicial views.

This Council should offer whatever assistance it can to FC Peterborough as part of its work on anti-discrimination and promoting wider community cohesion in the city with a view to find a long term solution to the problem. The Council’s Chief Executive should arrange a round table meeting with all relevant stakeholders, including Hunts and Northants FA in close partnership with local and regional agencies working to promote sports in the city, to discuss how we can all collaborate to send a clear message that racism will not be tolerated in any shape or form. The Council should also request regular updates from stakeholders including the FA on what progress has been made regarding these complaints from FC Peterborough and how they intend to address the issues highlighted in future.

2. Motion from Councillor Saltmarsh

This Council passed a motion in October 2015 recommending to the Electoral Commission that the law should be changed so that any person convicted of electoral fraud should receive a lifetime ban from standing as a candidate at a local government election. However the law has not changed and the disqualification period for those convicted of corrupt practices under the Representation of the People Act 1983 remains at five years. We feel it is important that voters in Peterborough should have confidence in the people they elect to represent them that they will uphold the law and agree to write to the Electoral Commission again asking it to review this issue with a view to introducing a lifetime ban for those convicted.

3. Motion from Councillor Mahabadi

Council resolves that Scrutiny Committee look into the benefits, social value and business case for new council house provision and report back its conclusions and any recommendations to Full Council.

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