

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13
3 MARCH 2021	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 Howard

"Council acknowledges the sad loss of Captain Sir Tom Moore. During the toughest phase of the Pandemic, he raised all our spirits and made an enormous contribution with his phenomenal fundraising efforts and the inspiration he gave us to get through the Coronavirus crisis with his heart-warming messages of positivity and optimism.

Council resolves to refer consideration of what can be done to acknowledge the legacy of Captain Sir Tom Moore to the Honours Panel, to ensure his name and achievements will never be forgotten in our City, as well as to commemorate his efforts and to mark his loss. This may include renaming a room or hall of significance within the Council domain, one of the Council meeting rooms, or a hall in our new University after Captain Sir Tom Moore."

2. Motion from Councillor Coles

"I have been receiving many complaints from my residents about terrible parking congestion in local streets. Further investigation has shown that a lot of the extra vehicles belong to residents of Homes of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) who understandably want to park in their street. I am aware that congestion from HMOs is affecting other wards across the city.

An HMO of 6 or fewer people who are living together as a family unit is a permitted development and does not need planning permission. In these cases, there is no planning control and the impact of an HMO upon parking provision cannot be taken into account.

This problem is getting worse in Peterborough, particularly where there are narrow Victorian streets, or in newer developments where a past Labour Government planning policy deliberately reduced parking spaces for environmental reasons.

There is a provision within the legislation to remove rights for permitted development through an Article 4 Direction, which can be used to prevent further HMOs being developed without the need for planning permission. They would then have to be assessed in the same way as a planning application for larger HMO schemes.

This council therefore asks the Cabinet Member, in consultation with Planning and Environmental Protection Committee, to consider:

- 1. identifying specific locations across the city where the concentration of HMOs is having a significant and disruptive impact on the local residential community.**
- 2. developing an Article 4 direction to apply to all future HMO developments in these specified areas so that the council can require a full planning application to be made which will require owners to apply a limited parking ratio to their properties."**

3. Motion from Councillor Fitzgerald

“Council acknowledges:

That Motions are an integral part of the democratic process and a means to precipitate debate on a range of issues, as well as delivering positive outcomes for the benefit of the city’s residents.

Council however furthermore acknowledges:

That Motions, when adopted, can have a significant resource implication hitherto not factored into the system and major implications:

- for Council policy, procedures, including budget-setting
- for the Council’s strategic/contractual partners
- for the city of Peterborough as a whole

Council therefore resolves:

- **That any draft motion which would have one or more of the above consequences are referred to the Director of the relevant service and Democratic Services at least three weeks in advance of the Council meeting, to allow for the process as set out below.**
- **That should the Director consider that the motion has major implications as described above the draft motion and a briefing note by the relevant director on the issue is released into the public domain at least two weeks in advance of the relevant Full Council meeting, setting out the reasons why the motion would fit within the Council’s Strategic Plan, policies, and budget or why it does not.**

Council also resolves:

- **That all Members be required to consider alternative methods to tabling a motion prior to submitting a draft motion, which would achieve the same outcomes, such as:**
 - referring the matter to a Scrutiny Committee for preliminary consideration
 - requesting the issue is brought to a Cabinet meeting, Committee meeting, informal briefing or All-Party Policy meeting.

On submission of a draft motion justification should be provided via a motion submission template as to why the above options were felt to be inappropriate.”

4. Motion from Councillor Ali

“Council notes that:

- local government has a vital role to play in preventing hate and extremism of all forms in society
- Peterborough has a long-standing tradition of integrated and cohesive communities, built on a foundation of tolerance and acceptance
- there is a noticeable increase in recent social media activity locally that is racist in tone and content, and that is disproportionately directed towards Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities. This content is often in response to news and information stories about our communities or neighbourhoods. This is entirely at odds with Peterborough’s genuine spirit of acceptance and our strong and long track record of sustained community cohesion
- responsibilities for aspects of the Prevent duties, previously led by the Police, have transferred to councils as it is accepted that prevention and community engagement is a vital tool in eradicating hate in all its forms
- some sections of our community feel that the Prevent strategy disproportionately targets them.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. **request the statutory authorities that serve on the Peterborough Community Safety Partnership (known as the Safer Peterborough Partnership) formally agree to work**

- together, as a system, to be especially vigilant to, and form a collective response to, commentary on social media and in other channels relating to hatred and extremism
2. request that the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee, in its formal capacity as the statutory Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, receives a regular report setting out the detail of the ways in which (i) the Safer Peterborough Partnership is responding to hatred and extremism, and (ii) this council is leading its responsibilities in regard to the Prevent duties, as well as hate incidents and targeted community cohesion activity more generally
 3. write to the Government, through our MP's, demanding a review of the Prevent strategy to ensure it has the confidence of all our communities locally and nationally and addresses the rise of Domestic Right Wing Extremism.
 4. Agree that as Members we should commit ourselves to ensuring none of us use language that may give rise to hate and prejudice towards a section of our diverse community."

5. Motion from Councillor Murphy

"The Council resolves to:

1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
2. Require, where possible, its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Where possible, require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
8. Highlight for its suppliers, by complying with modern slavery legislation, any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Ensure that it continues to comply Modern Slavery legislation in the UK, as this is updated and evolving. This shall include the furnishing of a detailed annual Modern Slavery Statement, and report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually."

6. Motion from Councillor John Fox

"As members will be aware, and with thanks to the then Leader of the Council (Cllr Cereste), several disabled parking bays were, some years ago, installed on St Peter's Road, to the rear of the Town Hall. The bays facilitate access for Blue Badge Holders to the city centre, with its banks, shops and Peterborough Cathedral. The 'purple pound' (the estimated spending power of disabled people and their friends and family) could be worth as much as £950,000,000 per annum to Peterborough. This is just one reason why access to the city for disabled residents is vital, and access to disabled parking bays in the city centre for Blue Badge Holders is crucial.

When parking bays were installed along St Peter's Road, it was agreed that only half of them would be disabled parking bays. It was also agreed that the council would monitor the impact of the bays on disabled people's access to the city as well as the impact, positive or negative, on other road users.

Since their installation, the disabled parking bays have proved very popular and there is little doubt they play a key role in making Peterborough city centre more accessible to disabled people.

Owing to the amount they are used, the disabled parking bays had been in dire need of re-painting. However, due to recent works on the rear of the Town Hall, the bays were relocated further down St. Peter's Road to give works vehicles better access to the Town Hall.

The Government ('Inclusive Mobility', Department for Transport, 2005) recommends that 6% of on-road parking should be dedicated to Blue Badge Holders (unless otherwise covered by local planning regulations).

The Council resolves to refer to the Cabinet Member (Cllr Hiller) a request to consider the following:

- **the re-establishment of the parking bays in their original location once the work on the Town Hall is complete**
- **leaving the newly-created disabled parking bays in situ to provide even greater access to our city for Blue Badge Holders**
- **Promoting the existence of the disabled parking bays to Peterborough's approximately 50,000 disabled people."**

7. Motion from Councillor Walsh

"Council recognises:

- The importance of the opportunity for members of the public and Councillors to put Questions to Cabinet Members at Full Council meetings.
- That Questions & Answers become a permanent public record.

Council however also recognises:

- That time allocated to answering Questions during a Full Council meeting has been limited to 30 minutes in order for other business to be considered and debated, thus a number of Questions and Answers are not "heard" during the meeting.
- That officer resource available to assist with answers to Questions is finite, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic.

a) Council resolves in relation to questions from Members (to the Mayor, Cabinet Member or Chair):

- **To use the pre-existing "lottery" selection process to determine up to 15 Questions to be submitted to the Full Council meeting.**
- **The Questions and Answers Report containing these 15 questions and their responses is published on the Council's website at least 24 hours before each Full Council Meeting.**
- **The answers to these questions are taken as read; only supplementary questions are to be asked and answered at Full Council meetings, with a time limit of 15 minutes.**
- **Questions that are not selected to be submitted to the meeting will be answered and published on the Council's website within 14 days following the relevant meeting.**

b) Council resolves in relation to questions from Members to Combined Authority Representatives a process identical to the above, with the following exceptions:

- **Up to five questions shall be drawn using the "lottery" process to be submitted to the Full Council meeting.**
- **A time limit of five minutes for supplementary questions to be asked and answered.**

c) Council further resolves in relation to questions from the public a process identical to the above, with the following exceptions:

- **Up to five questions shall be drawn using the “lottery” process to be submitted to the Full Council meeting.**
- **A time limit of 10 minutes for supplementary questions to be asked and answered.”**

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