

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
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MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notice of motion has been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders:

1. Motion from Councillor Hogg

Council notes that:

A number of our communities already benefit from a speed reduction from 30mph to 20mph, from specific stretches near schools, to complete residential areas (such as the Hamptons)

Recently the Welsh Government formed a Task Force Group to look into the issue of reducing speeds on their streets. The task force produced the following report:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-07/20mph-task-force-group-report.pdf>

This report has now led the Welsh Government to create a pilot program of 8 communities which introduced 20mph speed limits from July 2021 to May 2022. Now The Senedd have passed The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022 legislation. This means speed limits on most restricted roads will reduce from 30mph to 20mph from September 2023.

Reducing the default speed limit from 30mph to 20mph in residential areas could see a number of benefits, including:

- a reduction in road collisions
- more opportunities to walk and cycle in our communities
- helping to improve our health and wellbeing
- making our streets safer
- safeguarding the environment for future generations.

Council resolves to:

- Instruct the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee to set up a task and finish group (TFG) to look into the viability for introducing 20mph speed limits in our residential streets, across the council area.
- The TFG will investigate:
 1. The evidence and implications for the adoption of 20mph on restricted roads, generally residential streets and roads in built up areas, across the PCC area . All current 30mph roads will be reviewed and set at 20mph, unless the TFG recommend exceptions where a 30mph limit should be maintained.
 2. The practical issues associated with making this change. The work will identify such matters as how it could be implemented, taking into account costs and benefits, as well as the means of delivering the infrastructure and behavioural changes required for it to be successful."

2. Motion from Councillor Qayyum

“The City of Peterborough has 8 Mobile Park homes sites, home to some 1,000 people of our city.

Over the years, people who have lived in such homes have expected to live a peaceful life with dignity and enjoy their lives, without worrying about legislation which can lead to greater expense, and which can cause distress and undue anxiety. In frequent cases, residents may be devoid of the support that is necessary to ensure that their quality of life in retirement is safeguarded.

This Council notes that:

- Whilst licensing legislation is a necessary step after the introduction of the Mobile Homes Act 2013, in order to safeguard residents’ rights and wellbeing it is necessary to establish clear lines of communication between site owners, the authority and residents and ensure the authority is given greater autonomy to carry out due diligence.
- There are certain challenges to be met with reference to providing evidence around safety parameters for residents and officers
- The cost-of-living crisis has placed residents facing increasing financial difficulties with state pensions and other income inversely proportional to the rise of inflation, and support from the local authority in such instances is sadly insufficient, resulting in the ability to meet standards or paying for pitch fees at the Retail Price Index (RPI) rate along with 10 percent commission fees upon selling homes, near enough impossible. In October 2018 the government committed to use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the index for pitch fees (as happens in Wales and Scotland) but this change has not yet happened as primary legislation is needed.

The Council resolves to:

- **Develop a consistent approach towards all Mobile Park homes across the city irrespective of their ownership and to ensure that legislation and licensing conditions are applied equitably to prevent unnecessary costs and inconvenience to the residents.**
- **To recognise the difference in the rights of park homeowners and bricks and mortar-built dwellings and offer the support needed to all residents under section 12 of the Mobile Homes Act.**
- **To continue to work with UPPH (United Peterborough Park Homes) to achieve agreed outcomes in the best interests of all who reside and own park homes, including ensuring the confidentiality of residents’ concerns to prevent safeguarding issues arising acknowledging appropriate issues to signpost residents and work with agencies ensuring protection from the fear of harassment and intimidation.**
- **Welcomes the House of Commons passing all stages of Sir Christopher Chopes’ Mobile Homes (Pitch Fees) Bill on 18th November 2022 and urges the House of Lords to pass the Bill swiftly, so the switch from RPI to CPI becomes law.”**

3. Motion from Councillor Skibsted

“This Council notes that:

- We are experiencing the highest inflation in 40 years. Energy is costing more, directly threatening household budgets and the viability of local businesses.
- Historical evidence suggests that increases in food poverty and fuel poverty will lead directly to increased health problems and winter deaths.
- Poor insulation, inefficient heating and the effects of climate change are intensifying the impact of energy prices, increasing pressures on families and businesses.

- As the cost-of-living increases, people and businesses are less able to finance adaptations to improve energy efficiency and to prepare for extreme weather events.
- More families are in need of help. Yet steeply increasing inflation means this Council's ability to mitigate impacts and provide essential services is increasingly challenging.
- As the cost-of-living increases and the effects of climate change take hold, our residents also face the reduction of local bus routes. Many families are now challenged with finding alternative transport to work and school. This places added strain on family finances, increases carbon emissions and drives up air pollution.

The Council agrees to:

- 1. Recognise that the Cost of Living and Climate Crisis are interlinked and jointly require attention to ensure the wellbeing of local people and businesses in Peterborough.**
- 2. Make decisions on the budget and major policies that, wherever possible, contribute to environmental and social benefits across the Peterborough area.**
- 3. Advocate to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for more robust, affordable public transport that connects employees with work, links students to education and reduces carbon emissions.**
- 4. Continue and expand the work with social landlords operating in the Peterborough City Council area to review the energy efficiency of their housing stock, recognising that poor insulation and inefficient heating are key factors in the rising cost of living.**
- 5. Request that the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee revisit this motion in 12 months as part of its work programme to look at targets on climate considerations in budget proposals as well as retro-fitting of social housing for energy efficiency gains via a report from officers.**
- 6. Request that the Leader of the Council write to the Prime Minister, our local MPs and the relevant government ministers to call for:**
 - **Increased financial support for residents, with most support provided to low-income households.**
 - **More funding for small and medium local businesses, helping them manage the challenge of increasing energy costs and rising inflation.**
 - **A more ambitious nationwide commitment to fund improvements in the energy efficiency of homes, resulting in energy bill reductions and environmental benefits.**
 - **Increased grant opportunities for community groups, housing providers and public sector partners to improve energy efficiency in their buildings.**
 - **Insulation schemes and renewable energy generation programmes funded by fossil fuel profits."**

4. Motion from Councillor Sandford

“Council notes that since the formation of the CPCA and the subsequent transfer of public transport responsibilities, there is now no clear mechanism for councillors to feed in suggestions and concerns from residents about local bus services and related issues.

Council therefore requests that Cabinet sets up a cross party working group to work with and advise the relevant Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport, to assist in their

discussions with the CPCA and other relevant stakeholders on policy, operational issues, and opportunities regarding passenger transport services in the Peterborough City Council area.”