

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The Council is requested to consider the following amendments submitted in accordance with Standing Order 13.3

Motion No. 1 – PUBLIC SECTOR PAY FREEZE

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Mary Jordan
Seconded by Councillor Jenny Johnson

After final paragraph add:

Council notes that this motion was drafted prior to the Chancellor's Spending Review and, in the interests of accuracy:

- The Spending Review includes a pay-rise for more than one million nurses, doctors and others working in our NHS
- Guarantees a pay rise of at least £250 for 2.1 million public sector workers who earn below the median UK wage of £24,000

And notes that the combined effect of these two policies will ensure a majority of public sector workers will see an increase in pay next year.

Council also welcomes the Chancellor's decision to accept in full the recommendations of the Low Pay Commission to:

- increase the National Living Wage by 2.2 per cent to £8.91
- to extend this rate to those aged 23 or above
- to increase the National Minimum Wage as well

These increases will benefit approximately 2 million people – ensuring a full-time worker earning the National Living Wage will see their pay rise by £345 next year, an effective increase of over £4,000 since the policy was introduced in 2016.

Motion No. 3 – GETTING CANCER SERVICES BACK ON TRACK

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Mary Jordan
Seconded by Councillor Mike Collins

Delete final paragraph and replace with:

Council notes that in May 2020, NHS England directed all NHS trusts providing cancer services to develop and implement Cancer Recovery Plans and that, since then, Trusts have reported every 14 days on their performance against these plans.

Council also welcomes the recent presentation given to the Partnerships Committee by the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, which included progress against their recovery plan and the expansion of services at current and new locations to better serve all those diagnosed with cancer, their families and staff.

Motion No. 4 – SUPPORTING CAR CLUBS IN WIRRAL

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor David Burgess-Joyce
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Gardner

Replace final bulletin point with:

Recommendations as to the specific non-punitive or sanctionable policies and measures required to help facilitate future car club provision in Wirral.

Motion No. 6 – IT’S TIME TO PUT NEW ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Lesley Rennie
Seconded by Councillor Mike Collins

After final paragraph, add:

Furthermore, Council requests the five Group Leaders write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Chancellor of the Exchequer expressing the view of Council.

Motion No. 7 – TACKLING CHILD POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION ON WIRRAL

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Moira McLaughlin
Seconded by Councillor Mike Sullivan

Delete everything in the original Notice of Motion after 3rd paragraph ending in “Children in poverty are also more likely to go missing and have increased risk of exploitation and grooming”

And insert the following:

‘A strategy to eradicate child poverty needs to address family poverty and should have a national, as well as a local dimension which encompasses policies to lift families out of poverty, alongside action to reduce the impact of inadequate income by providing help at community level.

Wirral has been at the forefront of this approach through the work of the community based organisation Feeding Birkenhead Supporting Wirral one of a number of 15 pilot areas across the country that forms Feeding Britain.

To date examples of how this approach has been successful are:

- (1) Using locally gathered evidence, Feeding Britain highlighted to Government that serious delays in payment of Tax Credits was resulting in families being left without income for long periods. This brought about an improvement at national level to the administration of Tax Credits.
- (2) Feeding Britain raised issues of additional charges for people using pre-paid meters for their fuel. These are often people on low income and it was able to negotiate with Ofgen that a cap on pre-payment be introduced.
- (3) The model for school holiday provision developed in Wirral, was presented to MPs by Feeding Britain, got cross party support and was the basis of the School Holiday (and Activity) Bill.
- (4) Feeding Britain developed the scheme which has become Kick Start, aimed at providing employment opportunities for young people.

Any local strategy needs to be comprehensive and work across all Council Departments and with community and voluntary sector, health, business and private sector partners.

Wirral has a well-established network of community and voluntary sector organisation which have a strong history of co-operation to address food and fuel poverty and offer help with debt and other factors which reduce disposable income.

It is 4 years since the Council's strategy "Improving Life Chances" was developed by the then Director of Public Health and though there are several other very good initiatives aimed at reducing poverty, it is clear that there is a need for a more integrated approach which uses the learning from research and builds on the recent activity to alleviate food poverty.

Council therefore requests that:

- (A) The Policy and Resources Committee undertake to pull together the different policies and strategies aimed at alleviating the problems which lead to poverty into a comprehensive Anti-Poverty Strategy and recommends that the expertise and experience of organisations involved in this area of work are used to inform that strategy.
- (B) That a set of performance indicators are developed which can monitor any improvement in poverty rates.
- (C) That these are reported on an annual basis, or as appropriate, to Policy and Resources Committee and the policy is updated as required.'