

Extraordinary Council – 21 March 2022

MOTION - HILLSBOROUGH REAL TRUTH LEGACY PROJECT

Proposed by Councillor Paul Martin
Seconded by Councillor Tony Cottier

Wirral Borough Council commends survivors and the families of the ninety-seven fans who lost their lives as a result of the Hillsborough disaster for their three-decade campaign for justice.

Council also notes that Kevin Sampson's recent drama for ITV, Anne - considered a masterpiece by many - has highlighted once again the fact that, despite the ninety-seven having been unlawfully killed, to date no individuals or organisations have been held accountable for their deaths.

Council further notes that the impact of the campaign of lies, smears and propaganda orchestrated by South Yorkshire Police in 1989 and promoted by willing politicians and media continues to this day, with far too many members of the public even now parroting discredited lies about the behaviour of Liverpool fans in attendance at Hillsborough on 15 April 1989.

It is not surprising to council that many families of the ninety-seven and Hillsborough survivors have expressed despair at this continuation of lies about Hillsborough.

Wirral Borough Council therefore undertakes to support the 'Real Truth Legacy Project' led by Ian Byrne MP in conjunction with many Hillsborough families and survivors. This is a campaign which seeks to ensure that current and future generations learn the truth about Hillsborough, and to ensure that schoolchildren in Liverpool City Region initially have access to a definitive account of the disaster and the subsequent cover-up.

Council hereby notes its support for a key element of the Real Truth Legacy Project which is to have education about Hillsborough added to the National Curriculum, including a dedicated "Hillsborough Day" in the Liverpool City Region, to take place on the nearest Friday to the anniversary of the tragedy on 15th April each year.

The Hillsborough Day would see every Liverpool City Region primary and secondary school taking part in a special assembly to mark the anniversary and to learn more about the disaster, the cover-up and the fight for justice through dedicated teaching resource packs made available to every school in the city region by local education leads.

For the sake of past generations, this is something Wirral Borough Council feels it must get behind and calls on all Councils in the City Region and beyond to add their support to the Real Truth Legacy Project.

Council also places on record its support for the 'Hillsborough Law Now' campaign launched by Steve Rotherham and Andy Burnham which was supported by past Prime Ministers Theresa May and Gordon Brown when it was launched in January

this year and asks that the Group Leaders write to the Home Secretary in support of the campaign.