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Council Members are asked to consider the under-mentioned Motions:-

**1. Notice of Motion – Starting to Solve the Sunderland Sewage Problem for Good**

This Council remains concerned about the impact of dumping of raw sewage and other faecal matter into the River Wear and the North Sea off Roker, Seaburn and Hendon beaches can have on the health and wellbeing of bathers and on the reputation of Sunderland as a visitor destination.

Council therefore agrees to:

Ask the Cabinet to produce a report outlining what steps the Council could take to better protect the health and safety of anyone taking part in activities in the River Wear and/or the water off beaches in Sunderland; and report back to full Council.

Ask the Cabinet to consider commissioning a full independent investigation and survey of the sewage system and outflows into the North Sea and River Wear in Sunderland; and report back to full Council.

Proposer: Councillor Malcolm Bond  
Secunder: Councillor Paul Gibson

**2. Notice of Motion – In Recognition of Our Key Workers**

This council notes that:

- On the 23rd March 2020 the then Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, announced the first national lockdown during a televised address to the nation. It was the day the seriousness of the Covid Pandemic finally registered with the nation.
- The Prime Minister's comments that "we will turn the tide of coronavirus in 12 weeks" proved wildly inaccurate with the number of deaths caused by the virus now approaching 200,000 people, more than 1270 sadly from Sunderland.
- The 3 lockdowns instigated by the Government in their attempts to limit the number of deaths during the pandemic were only possible through the courageous actions, and sadly in some cases sacrifice, of Key Workers in areas such as health and social care, education, food retail sector, key public services, local government and many more.

This council will take a proactive approach to ensure that these Key Workers within our communities are not forgotten, through:

- Promoting within Sunderland the notion of an annual “Key Worker Day” in recognition of the many residents of this City who risked themselves to ensure we could all remain safe during the pandemic.
- Discuss with our trade union colleagues on an appropriate date for the first annual Key Worker Day to be held no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and actively promote this with our partners.
- Consulting via the Budget-setting process, on the introduction of an additional day of annual leave for Council staff from 2024/25 financial year in recognition of the service they have provided to our residents during the pandemic.

Proposer Councillor Sean Laws  
 Secunder Councillor Beth Jones

### **Additional Signatories**

Cllr Graeme Miller	Cllr Michael Mordey	Cllr Jimmy Warne
Cllr Claire Rowntree	Cllr Alex Samuels	Cllr Iain Scott
Cllr Kevin Johnston	Cllr Catherine Hunter	Cllr Joanne Chapman
Cllr John Price	Cllr Linda Williams	Cllr Dianne Snowdon
Cllr Alison Smith	Cllr Paul Stewart	Cllr Michael Butler
Cllr Usman Ali	Cllr Fiona Miller	Cllr Alison Chisnall
Cllr John Usher	Cllr Ehtesham Haque	
Cllr Phil Tye	Cllr Peter Walker	
Cllr Juliana Heron	Cllr Kelly Chequer	