

Notices of Motion

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

(i) Notice of Motion – 21st Anniversary of the Award of City Status

This council congratulates the City of Sunderland on the 21st anniversary of the award of city status and notes its successes and failures.

Councillor R. Oliver
Councillor P. Wood
Councillor G. Howe
Councillor R. Francis
Councillor J. Wiper

(ii) Notice of Motion – British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association

This Council notes that its commitment to the Armed Forces Community Covenant ensures the needs of those residents of Sunderland who serve, or have served, the country are recognised and supported at a local level.

Further notes that many other residents have, through a range of professions, served the country in equally significant measure, such as in national security and defence – including those who participated in the testing of Britain's nuclear weapons in the 1950s and 1960s.

Welcomes that, following a Ministry of Defence commissioned Health Needs Analysis in 2011 of British nuclear test veterans, the NHS have introduced a number of practical measures to support them.

Believes that other parts of the public and voluntary sector should seek to introduce similar measures to support nuclear test veterans, and that the Council should lead this at a local level by extending the provisions of the Armed Forces Community Covenant to those veterans who live in Sunderland.

Furthermore this Council urges the Government to support the campaign of the British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association by:

- Officially recognising the unique service of the veterans and acknowledge the nation's continuing debt to them; and
- Supporting the intention to establish a Benevolent Fund of £25million to provide assistance for those veterans and their descendants in need.

Agrees to ask our Member of Parliament to back this campaign and join the Council in urging the Government to support the requests outlined above.

Councillor H. Trueman
Councillor R. Oliver
Councillor P. Wood
Councillor P. Watson
Councillor M. Speding
Councillor B. Scaplehorn
Councillor R. Francis
Councillor M. Forbes
Councillor C. Wakefield

(iii) Notice of Motion – Sunderland Royal Hospital

This Council condemns the decision by the Tory led Coalition not to include Sunderland Royal Hospital in the proposed, NHS £235million winter planning, funding programme.

Councillor J. Kelly
Councillor G. Miller
Councillor M. Speding
Councillor H. Trueman