

Motions on Notice

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

1. Notice of Motion – Cost of Living Crisis

This council notes the increased desperation of many residents who are currently facing an unprecedented series of major financial shocks, that include:

- Huge increases in the price of essential goods such as food and clothing following the failure of the current government to control inflation, with hyperinflation now at levels not seen since the dark days under Mrs. Thatcher during the 1980's.
- After what has been in effect the longest and harshest pay squeeze in modern history since 2010, caused by the deliberate actions of this government in the name of austerity, workers are now facing a further fall in their real wages of 6.2% (-£1750) as wages fail to keep pace with prices.
- The energy cap set by Ofgem increasing from £1277 in October 2021 and is currently predicted to rise to £4266.48 by January 2023, resulting in a staggering increase on household bills of 234% in such a brief period of time.

This council therefore declares that our residents are in a cost-of-living emergency and asks the new prime minister to be radical in their solutions to this crisis and implement as a matter of urgency:

- In the short term
 - Freeze the energy cap at its present level and reimburse residents for increases while the cap is set above the October 2021 rate.
 - Set an example by providing the public sector with the funds for pay awards that match prices increases so that the decline in real wages is stopped in its tracks.
- In the longer term prioritise our national interest and security by removing foreign ownership from our utilities such as energy and water and consider bringing them under public ownership and control.

Councillor I. Scott (Proposer)
Councillor J. Price (Secunder)

Signed by:-

Councillor I. Scott	Councillor L. Farthing	Councillor J. Warne
Councillor J. Price	Councillor H. Trueman	Councillor L. Lauchlan
Councillor T. Dodds	Councillor D.E. Snowden	Councillor L. Williams
Councillor A. Samuels	Councillor C. Rowntree	Councillor P. Tye
Councillor K. Johnson	Councillor J. Usher	Councillor P. Smith
Councillor J. Heron	Councillor M. Butler	Councillor P. Stewart
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2. Notice of Motion – The Right to Play

This Council recognises the need to improve play facilities for those children with disabilities across the City of Sunderland. Appropriate play is vital for the development, health, wellbeing and happiness of our children, particularly for young people facing barriers like discrimination and exclusion.

Every child should have equal right to play and enjoy childhood experiences through a range of challenging, formal and informal play opportunities in a safe and inclusive environment wherever they are in Sunderland which adheres to Article 31 of the UNCRC.

Therefore, Council resolves to ensure that:

- All Council play parks are risk assessed for accessibility and inclusiveness for those with disabilities with the City Council to produce short-, medium- and long-term action plans which should be reported back to Council within six months.
- All future play spaces are developed with community participation, co-design and co-production - and, when equipment is damaged or vandalised, consideration is given to replacing it with accessible alternatives.
- All disabled children can enjoy inclusive and appropriate play parks that are accessible within a reasonable distance of their home.
- To install a minimum of one wheelchair swing in each of the five committee areas.
- To enhance sensory involvement by procuring equipment which is aimed at touch and sound senses for those with audio or visual impairments.

Councillor R. Dunn (Proposer)
Councillor P. Mann (Seconder)

Signed by:-

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