

# ***Motions on Notice***



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

**1. Notice of Motion – One million women and girls - A framework for women’s equality**

This council notes that:

- When the new North East Mayoral Combined Authority (NEMCA) comes into being in 2024, it will be responsible for the aspirations and life chances of over one million women and girls living in County Durham, Sunderland, South Tyneside, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland and Newcastle.
- While it can be tempting for policy makers to think that women and men use public services in the same way this is often not the case. Therefore, considering the specific needs of women and girls from the beginning will result in better policy making, that works for everyone.

This council therefore agrees to formally request the new Mayor and cabinet of the new combined authority to put a plan in place as soon as possible outlining:

- The **practical** steps it will take to improve the lives of women and girls in our region.
- How it will work with partners to ensure women and girls can **access** safe transport, suitable housing, quality jobs, training, and adult education.
- How it intends to **Listen**, carefully, to women and girls from all communities.
- How its **systems and structures** will be developed to ensure equality for women and girls through considering the specific impact on women and girls of every policy/strategy developed, taking action to maximise the positive and mitigate negative impacts.

Proposer by Councillor Kelly Chequer

Seconded by Councillor Beth Jones

**Additional Signatories**

Cllr Graeme Miller	Cllr Catherine Hunter	Cllr Kevin Johnston
Cllr Henry Trueman	Cllr Tracy Dodds	Cllr Martyn Herron
Cllr Jimmy Warne	Cllr Iain Scott	Cllr Katherine Mason-Gage
Cllr Claire Rowntree	Cllr Melanie Thornton	Cllr Peter Walker
Cllr Alison Smith	Cllr John Usher	Cllr Joanne Laverick
Cllr Alex Samuels	Cllr Juliana Heron	Cllr Paul Stewart
Cllr Michael Butler	Cllr John Price	Cllr Fiona Miller
Cllr Stephen Foster	Cllr Sean Laws	
Cllr Linda Williams	Cllr Alison Chisnall	

## 2. Notice of Motion – Sunderland's new footbridge

This Council believes the people of Sunderland should have a say in naming the new footbridge being constructed over the River Wear. Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to liaise with Group Leaders to agree a mechanism that:

- Allows the public to submit suggestions for names for the new bridge;
- Appoints an independent panel to produce a shortlist of suggested names;
- Puts the shortlist to an advisory vote of residents of the City of Sunderland.

Proposed by Councillor Niall Hodson

Seconded by Councillor Martin Haswell

### Additional Signatories

Cllr Andrew Wood	Cllr Margaret Crosby	Cllr Malcolm Bond
Cllr Julia Potts	Cllr Ciaran Morrissey	Cllr Peter Walton
Cllr Paul Edgeworth	Cllr Heather Fagan	
Cllr Stephen O'Brien	Cllr Paul Gibson	

## 3. Notice of Motion – Hot Food Takeaways

Supporting local restaurants, cafes, pubs and takeaways is a priority for this Council, as the city navigates its way through the difficult economic conditions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and conflicts around the world.

Sunderland City Council has a responsibility to act in a way that allows these businesses to thrive and provide jobs, services and and improve the quality of life within our city.

Council notes:

- The recent public interest in the City's approach to granting planning permission for hot food takeaways, following the decision not to award such permission to Cole Kitchen.
- That the ruling was made on account of the fact that 21.3% of eleven year olds within the St. Peter's Ward are obese, which is 0.3% over the limit set within Policy VC4 of the Core Strategy and Development Plan.
- That the Government-appointed Planning Inspector ruled that there was 'no leeway' within this policy at present.

Council resolves to:

- Express its regret that a petition signed by over 5,000 residents calling for Cole Kitchen to be granted planning permission has been ignored.
- Call upon the Leader and the Chief Executive to undertake a review of policy VC4 of the Core Strategy Development Plan, considering how Sunderland City Council can create flexibility within the rules to enable businesses which either serve

healthier hot food or serve products not targeted towards children to operate as takeaways.

- Call upon the Leader to deliver a report on the findings of this review to a full Council meeting no later than December 2024.

Proposed by Councillor Sam Johnston

Seconded by Councillor Lynn Vera

### **Additional Signatories**

Cllr Joshua McKeith	Cllr Greg Peacock	Cllr Simon Ayre
Cllr Antony Mullen	Cllr Chris Burnicle	Cllr Michael Hartnack
Cllr Michael Dixon	Cllr Adele Graham-King	Cllr Dominic McDonough
Cllr Lyall Reed	Cllr Richard Dunn	

