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

1. Addressing Government Failure to Reduce Inequality

This Council notes that since 2010 successive Conservative led governments have

- failed to address inequalities in society, noting that levels of deprivation and poverty have significantly increased since the introduction of the 2010 equality act.
- continually refused to enact section 1 of the Equality Act that would place a legal duty on governments to address these inequalities and reverse this rise in poverty and deprivation.

This Council now requires to further provide leadership in supporting struggling families in this City and therefore resolves, with immediate effect:

- to voluntarily adopt the socio-economic duty that Conservative Led Governments refuse to enact, ensuring that when making decisions of a strategic nature it will act in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from disadvantage.

That in adopting this duty the council will:

- incorporate poverty and socio-economic disadvantages, into equality impact assessments, equality plans, and the wider decision-making process and all strategic planning.
- use a range of quantitative and qualitative data to inform the implementation of this duty and develop clear success criteria to measure the impact in reducing levels of inequality.
- recognise the value of engaging with struggling families directly impacted by these inequalities, working together to find new and sustainable ways to support them and reduce poverty.
- in addition, work with stakeholders and voluntary/community sector organisations, to build awareness and understanding of this new duty adopted by this Council.
- Receive reports on progress on a six-monthly basis.

Councillor G. Miller (Proposer)
Councillor C. Rowntree (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor P. Stewart
Councillor L. Williams
Councillor J. Heron
Councillor P. Smith
Councillor J. Price
Councillor K. Johnston
Councillor S. Laws

Councillor J. Warne
Councillor P. Tye
Councillor F. Miller
Councillor I. Scott
Councillor L. Farthing
Councillor D.E. Snowdon

2. Automated External Defibrillators

Council notes that on average 30,000 people each year suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital, and 20% of these incidents occur in public spaces. Council further notes only 10% of victims of cardiac arrests survive when the incident occurs outside hospital.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can play a significant role in saving the lives of people who suffer heart attacks in public. It is estimated that a shock from an AED, alongside CPR treatment, increases survival rates to 75-80%.

Council notes that, though there are public defibrillators in various places across the city including some council premises and assets, there are gaps in the provision of publicly accessible AEDs and at present there is no holistic mapping system listing all AEDs across Sunderland, Washington, Houghton and Hetton.

Therefore Council agrees to:

- Compile and maintain a list, and an interactive map, of all public defibrillators in the Sunderland City Council area including those in non-council premises.
- Review and, where appropriate, increase the provision of defibrillators across all council-owned spaces including public parks, community centres, leisure facilities, and areas of high public footfall.
- Bring a report to Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee no later than February 2022 detailing a plan to roll out more Automated External Defibrillators across the city, and to produce and maintain a fully interactive mapping system to locate all public defibrillators in the Sunderland City Council area.

Councillor M. Crosby (Proposer)
Councillor N. Hodson (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor P. Edgeworth
Councillor A. Wood
Councillor H. Fagan

3. Events on Council Land

Council recognises the environmental damage and harm to both domestic and wild animals that can be done by balloons, paper lanterns and extremely loud fireworks.

In recent months, Gateshead Council and North Tyneside Council have taken action to limit the harms to the environment and to animals caused by these.

It is time for Sunderland City Council to take similar action.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Ban balloon and lantern releases on Council land
- Request a report to Cabinet on appropriate plots of Council land that can be transformed into a memorial meadow, where residents can plant seeds/flowers in memory of loved ones, and ask that Portfolio Holder to establish at least one memorial meadow in the city
- Enforce the use of low noise fireworks for all events on Council land, by default, except in exceptional circumstances, when the Portfolio Holder should be required to sign off on the decision to use fireworks that are not low noise.

Councillor P. Mann (Proposer)
Councillor A. Mullen (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor P. Donaghy
Councillor G. Peacock
Councillor J. Doyle
Councillor L. Reed
Councillor M. Dixon

4. Establishment of Shadow Young People's Consultation Board (SYPCB)

Council resolves to establish a Shadow Young People's Consultation Board, through which the Council and its leadership will consult with young people on important issues to them and on key areas of the Council's operations, such as budget setting.

This Board will also invite partners such as TfC, CCG, Nexus and others to consult with young people on what they are doing in their area of service provision to enable young people to share what they think they can be improved upon and what changes or developments they wish to see.

This Board will consist of young people, councillors and leadership of all political parties on the Council, working together to improve young people's representation in the city.

Councillor Joshua McKeith (Proposer)
Councillor Sam Johnston (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor C. Burnicle
Councillor M. Hartnack
Councillor R. Dunn
Councillor P. Wood