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

1. Seeking an end to “Fire and Rehire” tactics by employers

This Council notes the increased use by employers in the UK of fire and rehire tactics, forcing their staff to accept worse terms/conditions, leaving many having to work longer hours and for lower pay.

That while the Prime Minister has called the practice “unacceptable” he has continually refused to take action to outlaw the practice, raising concerns that he will not intervene in this race to the bottom by some employers.

This Council therefore believes actions are required to ensure local residents are protected against such unscrupulous employers and agrees to:

- Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister demanding he act now and keep his promise to local residents to protect their employment terms and conditions
- Promote the increasing number of progressive local employers prioritising their employees wellbeing by becoming a REAL living wage employer.
- Work with our anchor institutions and key partners to bring forward plans for the introduction of a local employer charter for companies to work toward, with Trade Union rights, support for the TUC great jobs agenda and paying the REAL living wage at its heart.

Councillor G. Miller (Proposer)
Councillor L. Farthing (Secunder)

Signed by:-

Councillor P. Stewart
Councillor S. Laws
Councillor A. Samuels

Councillor C. Rowntree
Councillor L. Williams
Councillor D.E. Snowdon

2. Newcastle Airport

This Council resolves to write to Newcastle International Airport to urge its directors to rename the airport ‘Newcastle Sunderland International Airport.’

Councillor N. Hodson (Proposer)
Councillor P. Edgeworth (Secunder)

Signed by:-

Councillor N. Hodson
Councillor P. Edgeworth
Councillor S. O’Brien

Councillor H. Fagan
Councillor M. Crosby

3. Back Lanes

Council recognises the need to take action to improve the condition of residential back lanes across the city.

Back lanes often look untidy and uninviting, as well as attracting fly-tipping issues, anti-social behaviour, and speeding and parking problems.

To improve the state of back lanes for local residents, Council agrees to learn from the Reclaim the Lanes project and undertake the following actions:

- To launch a public consultation among residents with back lanes to understand their concerns and preferred solutions, and to report back to each Area Committee;
- To subsequently identify a number of pilot areas across the city to implement the solutions and ideas identified by residents;
- To conduct an audit of how many waste bins and dog bins are currently in the vicinity of residential areas with multiple back lanes.

Councillor A. Mullen (Proposer)
Councillor H. Greener (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor A. Mullen
Councillor L. Reed
Councillor H. Greener
Councillor P. Wood

Councillor S. Johnston
Councillor U. Ali
Councillor C. Burnicle
Councillor J. Doyle