

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4 (i)

A. Councillors Deirdre Alden and Gary Sambrook have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

"This Council would support any Grammar School in Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield that wishes to expand."

B. Councillors Jon Hunt and Roger Harmer have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

"Birmingham City Council:

- 1) Expresses its sympathy for all those affected by the recent floods in Birmingham.
- 2) Notes that Birmingham is faced with a rising long term risk of surface water flooding. The causes of this include:
 - a) Rising global temperatures; with even modest increases in air temperature allowing it to contain significantly more moisture, and
 - b) The ongoing intensification of land use in the City, leading to greater areas of impermeable surfaces, which increases the speed of water run-off.
- 3) Notes with concern, comments received from residents about street gullies being blocked during the floods.
- 4) Notes and welcomes the Flood Risk Management Strategy for Birmingham approved by cabinet in the autumn of 2017. Notes that the Strategy calls for inquiries into major flooding events and to embed flood risk management into development policies.
- 5) Expresses its concern that the Local Development Plan, which is referred to in the Flood Risk Management Strategy, primarily embeds these aims into policies for major developments, while making little reference to adopting flood prevention measures during the approval of minor developments. As national planning policy encourages more intensive minor developments, it is concerned that the cumulative impact of these is having a significant impact on flood risk.
- 6) Calls for an inquiry into the floods of May 2018, to be carried out promptly and:

- a) Include strong resident input, with opportunities to contribute being widely publicised.
- b) Be debated as a main agenda item at a future Full Council meeting.
- c) Consider how planning guidance and enforcement can be strengthened. In particular, to encourage all developers who require planning permission in at risk areas to use sustainable drainage to minimise the impact of their work on flood risk, for instance, by encouraging schemes of planting and design to reduce run-off.
- d) Examine how the executive can strengthen the role of all arms of the Council in flood prevention, specifically including street cleaning, road gully clearing, installation of drop kerbs and the design of pavements and verges.”

C. Councillors Liz Clements and Olly Armstrong have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council believes that the EBacc, which excludes every single arts and creative subject, is having a profoundly harmful impact on creative subjects in schools and risks closing down opportunities for children in state schools in Birmingham.

Furthermore, the EBacc endangers the future of the creative industries which play such a major role in Birmingham’s success as a global city and which will be the centrepiece of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

This Council calls on the government to amend the EBacc to include at least one arts and creative subject. A blinkered and unfair narrowing of the curriculum must be halted before a whole generation of our children are deprived of access to creative subjects: arts education must be for the many, not the few.”