CITY COUNCIL

7 NOVEMBER, 2023

AMENDMENTS TO
MOTIONS IN THE
COUNCIL AGENDA
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OF THE MEETING

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1. AFTER "communities they are located in." INSERT

During a cost-of-living crisis, access to arts, culture and recreation is more important than ever. However, we recognise that there is a disparity in access to the arts and green spaces across our city.

All communities should have free access to the information and skills that they need to support their local assets, including access to central government funding.

2. In the sentence "Council therefore commits to looking all possible ways to" DELETE "looking" and REPLACE WITH: "continue to look".

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Saima Suleman

SECONDED BY:

Councillor David Barker

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Adds to the end:

- Replicate Friends of Parks and/ or Birmingham Open Spaces Forum resident volunteer models to help manage and maintain cultural and heritages sites and services, and;
- Develop a work programme for Scrutiny to review the policy plans of the "Digital, Culture,
 Heritage and Tourism" portfolio to assess the current 'health' of our arts, heritage and
 cultural assets, their risk of disposal and strategies to protect their provision in the short-,
 mid- and long-term.

PROPOSED BY

Deborah Harries

SECONDED BY

Morriam Jan

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Add after third paragraph

These assets also include the Council's remaining Youth Clubs, particularly considering their vital work supporting young people.

Council notes that local community assets, particularly those in left-behind communities, have sometimes historically been neglected compared to more high-profile city centre community assets.

Council believes assets serving local communities must protected as much as those in the city centre, and those assets in communities that have been left behind or suffer high levels of deprivation are especially important.

Council also recognises that the risk to local community assets is as much from cuts to funding for services than getting the receipt from an asset disposal.

Council further notes that energy costs can be one of the single highest costs in running community assets and services

Add after third bullet point

- Protect the funding that supports our community assets and community services during the Council budget setting process, and prioritise assets that serve those in most need.
- Ensure any assets that are transferred, are to the community sector on a not for profit basis to serve Birmingham residents.
- Provide greater support to community organisations who are taking on community assets,
 e.g. through community asset transfer, in recognition that this process, and taking on an asset can be quite challenging for small organisations.
- Invest in the energy efficiency of community assets to reduce future running costs and make them more financially sustainable, and support community organisations in doing this for any assets being transferred.

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Julien Pritchard

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Rob Grant

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1. AFTER "hate incidents." INSERT:

In Birmingham, we have seen incidences of antisemitic and Islamophobic graffiti, with more than two hundred tags of a racist, offensive, antisemitic or Islamophobic nature reported and removed since October 7th. We must not allow the tragic events in the Middle East to divide our communities in the city, and we understand and feel the pain of all people in the city, especially the Muslim and Jewish communities.

This Council condemns those who have used this crisis to whip up hatred, sow division, and spread misinformation in our city.

2. After point 1 INSERT:

An immediate and sustainable ceasefire is needed, so that aid can get into Gaza, the hostages can be freed, and work can take place to deescalate this horrific conflict. Save the Children have highlighted that more children have been reported killed in this conflict than the annual number of children killed across the world's conflicts zones since 2019. The international community has a responsibility to work towards a peace process and a two-state solution.

PROPOSED BY:

Mejid Mehnord

Councillor Majid Mahmood

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Mariam Khan

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Delete points 2-4 and replace with:

- 2. That this situation has been caused by the terrorist group, Hamas.
- 3. That Hamas committed barbaric and horrific terrorist attacks on civilians of multiple faiths and none, and of many different nationalities in Israel on October 7th and the City Council unequivocally condemns the horrific and inhumane attack.
- 4. That the quickest way to end the situation in Gaza is for Hamas to release all the hostages they still have and to surrender unconditionally to allow progress toward a two-state solution to proceed.

Delete points 5-7 and replace with:

- 5. will issue a statement urging no one to protest on Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday.
- 6. will remind all staff and elected members of the need to discourage chants of a racist, intimidatory or antisemitic nature at any protest held in our city.
- 7. opposes any protest at places of public transport or education establishments due to the fact this can be intimidating to residents and visitors in the city.

Add at end:

- 9. Condemns the recent attacks at restaurants in our city, as well as other incidents such as the use of fireworks that put the public and law enforcement officers at risk, and will work with the Police to protect law-abiding residents, businesses, and workers in our city.
- 10. Welcomes the UK Government's attempts to work with the international community to secure immediate, unimpeded, and safe humanitarian access to Gaza, and supports humanitarian pauses and the secure reopening of border crossing to facilitate this.
- 11, Welcomes the more than doubling of UK Government aid to the Palestinian Territories, with £30m allocated since the 7 October terrorist attack. It is vital that efforts are made to ensure this aid reaches innocent civilians and is not stolen by the terrorist group Hamas as has repeatedly been the case.

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Richard Parkin

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Rick Payne

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In Point 5, DELETE "in line with the Homes for Ukraine scheme." And REPLACE WITH "and provide further aid to assist the UN Agencies in their humanitarian work so that British citizens can get home safely, and Palestinian people are able to stay in their homeland."

AT END OF MOTION INSERT:

9. Will work with faith communities to explore setting up more third-party hate crime reporting mechanisms and write to the Home Secretary to urge Government to reverse its decision to downgrade the monitoring of non-crime hate incidents specifically related to antisemitism and Islamophobia so they can be logged by the police.

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Nicky Brennan

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Saima Suleman

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Add after first paragraph

This Council condemns the horrific attacks by Hamas on 7th October, the taking of hostages, and the disproportionate response by Israel.

Add after point 4:

- 5. That at the current time there is no way for Palestinian civilians to leave Gaza.
- 6. That while providing support and sanctuary for those fleeing conflict is vital, the only way to prevent further mass civilian casualties and mass suffering, and enable sufficient aid to the people of Gaza, is for the fighting to stop in an immediate ceasefire and the release of hostages.

Add after original point 5 now point 7

- 8. Joins calls for an immediate ceasefire and release of hostages.
- 9. Will also write to Government asking them to join international calls for an immediate ceasefire and support efforts for an internationally arbitrated once-and-for-all political settlement.

Renumber points under "This Council therefore" accordingly

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