

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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

A Councillors Deirdre Alden and Gareth Moore have given notice of the following motion:-

“This Council notes the following extract from a speech delivered by the then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in March 2015:

“This government is keen to ensure that there is adequate parking provision both in new residential developments and around our town centres and high streets. The imposition of maximum parking standards under the last administration [nationally] lead to blocked and congested streets and pavement parking. Arbitrarily restricting new off-street parking spaces does not reduce car use, it just leads to parking misery. It is for this reason that the government abolished national maximum parking standards in 2011.....”

However, many councils have embedded the last administration’s revoked policies. Following a consultation, we are now amending national planning policy to further support the provision of car parking spaces. Parking standards are covered in paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework. The following text now needs to be read alongside that paragraph: “Local planning authorities should only impose local parking standards for residential and non-residential development where there is clear and compelling justification that it is necessary to manage their local road network.”

In light of this revision to the Framework, the Council resolves that its current policy should be reviewed and brought into line with the government’s clearly stated intention to end parking misery for Birmingham residents”

B Councillors Sue Anderson and Jon Hunt have given notice of the following motion:-

“This council welcomes proposals for an independent commission on future arrangements for health and social care as proposed by an all-party group, led by former health minister Norman Lamb, and supported by a number of medical royal colleges and independent organisations.

Council notes the robustness of measures to tackle patient discharge introduced in Birmingham, but also notes with concern rising pressures on health and social care services and the need for sustainable solutions.”

C Councillors Martin Straker Welds and Fiona Williams have given notice of the following motion:-

“This Council notes:

- That the EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)
- That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and whether new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA
- That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on Birmingham City Council or other local authorities
- That Birmingham’s purchasing power is in the order of £1 billion

This Council believes that:

- TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making
- A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on Birmingham and other local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded
- Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities’ ability to act in the best interests its communities

This Council resolves:

- To write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Birmingham MPs and MEPs, raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on Birmingham and other local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process
- To write to the Local Government Association, raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on Birmingham and other local authorities and asking them to raise these with the national government on our behalf
- To call for an impact assessment by the relevant scrutiny committees on the impact of TTIP on Birmingham City Council and its partners.
- To publicise the council’s concerns about TTIP, to join with other local authorities concerned about the potential impact of TTIP across Europe and to work with campaigners in Birmingham districts to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP”