

Birmingham City Council

Report to City Council

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Title:	MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
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If this is a Key Decision, is this decision listed on the Forward Plan?	Not Applicable
Reason(s) why not included on the Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Is this a Late Report?	No
Reason(s) why Late:	Not Applicable
Is this decision eligible for 'call in?'	Not Applicable
If not eligible, please provide reason(s):	Not Applicable
Wards:	Not Applicable

Does this report contain exempt or confidential information?

No

Has this decision been included on the Notification of Intention to consider Matters in Private?

Not Applicable

Reasons why not included on the Notification:

Not Applicable

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules (section B4.4 G of the Constitution).

2 NOTICES OF MOTION

A. Councillors Roger Harmer and Izzy Knowles have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“In recognition of the road safety emergency in Birmingham, this council resolves to:

Implement the following measures by the end of this council’s term (specifically by the end of April 2026)

- Reduce speeding
 - Treble the number of average speed cameras – based on the number we have today and placed on roads with high frequency of traffic collisions and/ or issues with speeding.
- Reduce dangerous driving
 - Implement the pilot for traffic violation cameras as passed by Cabinet in December 2022.
- Engage communities
 - Consult communities to identify local hot spots that should be prioritised for action via ward forums, consultation via Birmingham Be heard and other channels.
- Improve school safety
 - Review the measures taken thus far to improve school safety and develop a plan to roll out best practice across the city.
- Be transparent
 - Report publicly on the number of speeding fines, poor parking fines, dangerous driving arrests and convictions.
- Prevent dangerous parking
 - Ensure road markings are clear. Work with the police to enforce penalties for poor parking.

Set up a taskforce who will meet monthly until such time that the road safety emergency can be deemed as resolved. This group can oversee the implementation of the measures outlined above and will include:

- The WMCA Mayor
- The West Midlands PCC
- Representation from West Midlands Police who can report on road related crime prevention, deterrence and progress.
- The Cabinet member representing the transport portfolio
- Representatives from opposition parties
- Representatives from local community groups that have a specific and direct interest in road safety.”

B. Councillors Nicky Brennan and Raqeeb Aziz have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This council notes that:

The recent scenes of organised racist violence that unfolded across the country have caused understandable concern within communities across Birmingham.

The work of council officers, the police, and partners across the city helped to soothe tensions in the days following the violence, with the Community Safety and Cohesion teams coordinating the local response and conducting reassurance visits to local mosques, and meeting with community and faith representatives alongside the police.

Muslim communities, and mosques, were targeted across the country by far-right rioters. This required the Home Office to provide an emergency Protective Security Support scheme, under which twenty local mosques in Birmingham have received additional protective security.

7 in 10 councillors reported experiencing abuse or intimidation in the last year according to the LGA's 2022 councillor census.

Members have expressed concerns about their own safety across the city.

In signing up to the Diverse Councils Declaration, it committed to taking a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and harassment of members including through social networks.

This council believes that:

All violent forms of protest, whatever their claimed cause or motive, should be condemned. There is no place for violence, abuse or intimidation in a democratic society.

Every person, whether a citizen of the United Kingdom or an individual seeking asylum, whatever their faith or belief, and whatever their identity, must feel safe in our city.

The government's swift response to the violent riots is to be praised, and the robust sentences being handed down to those who were directly involved in, or encouraged, the violence sends a clear message that this will not be tolerated. The bravery of police officers, and other emergency service workers, in responding to the scenes of violence should be commended.

This council resolves to:

Continue its work to build bridges between our diverse communities and to tackle those who seek to divide people through the peddling of hatred and division.

Step up our work with the Government and other agencies to tackle hatred and improve support for communities who have been subjected to harassment, intimidation and violence.

Work with the Government on the delivery of measures to protect Mosques and Synagogues across the city to ensure that all our residents are free to worship without fear.

Provide evidence on electoral intimidation to the government's Defending Democracy taskforce.

Invite the Home Secretary to the city to witness the work that is carried out to build community cohesion and develop stronger ties."

3 IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

Finance

3.1 There are none arising from this report.

Legal

3.2 There are none arising from this report.

Equalities

3.3 There are none arising from this report.

APPENDICES

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.