

Birmingham City Council

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Subject: Motions for Debate from Individual Members

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential:

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

A. Councillors Ayoub Khan and Zaker Choudhry have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council notes with concern continued delays in the release of the deceased for burial and in the registration processes for births and deaths. It notes this can cause extreme distress and in some instances, financial hardship.

Council recognises the success of the Autopsy Scanner trial with communities throughout Birmingham welcoming its use by the Coroners Office.

Council calls on the executive to:

1. set out the actions it will take to eliminate delays;
2. set out how a permanent Autopsy Scanner will be located in the City.

It also calls for an urgent scrutiny review to examine:

- a) The delays in registration and release of bodies;
- b) The appropriateness of present funeral arrangements within the council’s cemeteries and how they cater for different cultural and religious needs”

B. Councillors John Cotton and Lauren Rainbow have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council notes that:

- Following the elections, there are a record number of openly LGBT+ Councillors serving on this Council.

- June is Pride Month, and this offers a chance to reflect on the progress that has been made in LGBT+ equality, but to also reflect on where inequalities and injustice persists to this day.
- Birmingham is a welcoming and diverse city, with a thriving Gay Village and one of the best and biggest Pride Events in the country.
- Despite this, LGBT+ people continue to face discrimination, abuse and even violence for being who they are.

This Council resolves to:

- Continue to work to improve safety for LGBT+ people, not only in the Gay Village, but across the city.
- Make it easier to report hate crimes and hold agencies to account for their responses through our new Tackling Hate, Taking Action partnership.
- Ensure our workforce better reflects the diversity of our city across all of the protected characteristics including people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Ensure that our schools have access to a healthy and inclusive relationship education, a civic history curriculum through the Birmingham Education Partnership, and an anti-racist and LGBT+ inclusive curriculum.”