

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 Brett O'Reilly and Brigid Jones have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council notes with some concern the current inconsistencies in the standard of independent careers advice and guidance for the young people of this city. In 2013, Ofsted reported that nationally only one in five schools were effective in ensuring that all pupils received an acceptable level of careers advice, and there is little evidence to suggest that this picture has improved in any significant way. Despite a statutory duty being placed on schools to deliver independent careers advice, much more needs to be done to ensure that every child and young person in this city receives high quality, independent careers advice, that will equip them for life and employment in modern Britain.

This Council welcomes progress being made with regards to careers advice in Birmingham, retaining an independent careers advice service despite swingeing cuts to funding, and most recently with the development of the online application, COG, which provides a platform to put young people, employers and training providers in touch with each other, and has the potential to be single point of access for careers in Birmingham.

This Council believes, like Ofsted, that every young person has the right to high quality, independent careers advice and guidance, and calls on the government to match the aspirations of Birmingham, with a commitment to providing sufficient funding for careers advice and guidance through the next round of devolution to the West Midlands Combined Authority.

There is an acknowledgement of the harm that can be caused to a young person's future prospects through poor careers advice, and there is a clear commitment from this City Council to work with stakeholders and partners to ensure that every young person is given the tools to realise their aspirations.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the government to support this agenda with any future devolvement of funding.”

B. Councillors Robert Alden and Randal Brew have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council supports the retention, enforcement and expansion of Conservation Zones in the City.

Noting that the Council should also be willing to consider amending article 4 directions as technology changes to allow suitable substitute materials.

This Council feels we should be protecting our heritage and culture, for future generations, using it as a selling point for the growth and regeneration of the City.”