

CITY COUNCIL

11 OCTOBER, 2022

**AMENDMENTS TO
MOTIONS IN THE
COUNCIL AGENDA
RECEIVED IN ADVANCE
OF THE MEETING**

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

1st to 13A

CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 11 October 2022

Delete "vital"

And insert: "useful"

After "across the City and" insert: "further to"

After "per two-member ward" add: ", the Cabinet will consider this request as part of a future budget, taking into account the outcome of the current neighbourhood co-ordinator pilot. The Cabinet will also bring forward further proposals to progress the Localisation agenda as set out in the 'Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods' policy.

Council further notes that the potential threat posed to local government by a new period of public service cuts will make it increasingly difficult for local authorities across the country to fund community projects.

Council therefore resolves to write to the Government urging them not to repeat the ill-judged austerity policies that have had such disastrous consequences for public services and communities since 2010."

Marje Bridle

PROPOSED BY:

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Councillor Marje Bridle

Shabina Bano

SECONDED BY:

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Councillor Shabina Bano

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION

2 to 13a

CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022

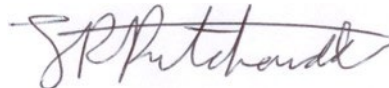
Add at end:

That this Council also notes the lack of local funding and budgets for our parks.

The Council therefore also calls on the Cabinet, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, to consider the introduction of a ward parks and open spaces budget. This will be based on the amount of parks and open space in a ward, but should be no less than £10,000 per single member ward per year. And no less than £20,000 per two member ward per year

With a proposed community chest and the existing highways budget this would create an annual ward budget of at least £75,000 per year per councillor. These ward budgets should have the ability to be rolled into subsequent years.

PROPOSED BY:



Councillor Julien Pritchard

SECONDED BY:



Councillor Rob Grant

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION

1st to 13B

CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 11 October 2022

Paragraph 1:

Insert at the beginning: "To support residents through the immediate and acute period of the cost-of-living crisis, Council calls on the government to:"

Delete bullet point 1

And insert: "Declare a Cost-of-Living emergency and provide COVID style support to residents and businesses urgently.

After bullet point 3:

Insert:

- "Increase Local Housing Allowance rates in line with rising private market rents - making these more affordable and reducing the proportion of income spent on rent at a time when household budgets are increasingly squeezed
- Introduce rent reforms and a potential temporary cap to protect private tenants from further rental increases at a time of crisis
- Legislate a no winter evictions guarantee to protect private tenants from homelessness through the most challenging period of the cost-of-living crisis

- Reform Right to Buy - safeguarding remaining social housing stock for our most vulnerable residents, but also increasing affordable housing targets and expanding pathways to homeownership so that the right to own your own home can still be a realistic goal for all residents
- Prioritise the passing of the Renters' Reform Bill that seeks to improve standards and regulations across the private rented sector to better protect tenants."

Delete paragraph 3

And insert: "Council further calls on the Government to introduce a windfall tax on oil and gas producers and to reverse the energy price cap rise that came into effect on 1 October 2022.

Council notes that local government will be on the frontline of efforts to support and protect vulnerable citizens in the coming months and resources are now being swiftly mobilised in Birmingham.

"Since declaring a cost of living emergency on 6 Sept 2022, council has identified £5m from reserves to:

- Improve the availability of advice to residents, with a focus on increasing benefit take up
- Increase energy efficiency, with a focus on reducing costs
- Increase the supply of food through foodbanks across the city
- Ensure the provision of a network of warm spaces across the city, starting with libraries. We will endeavour to work with and supplement the work of the voluntary and faith sectors to ensure a comprehensive network of locations across the city to provide support for those facing energy poverty.
- Support staff."

Paragraph 4: Delete "calls on the executive"

And insert: "notes the recent announcement of plans to retrofit 300 homes as part of the 3 cities retrofit programme and will continue"



PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Ian Ward



SECONDED BY:

Councillor Marcus Bernasconi

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Change first bullet point to:

- Look again at its energy price cap policy, capping prices at October 2021 levels, and paying for the price cap through expanded windfall taxes rather than extra borrowing and repayment by the taxpayer.

Insert further bullet points:

- Urgently roll out a national insulation and retrofit programme, which will include support for retrofitting and insulating social housing, private rental properties and owner-occupied homes, at scale, and for Birmingham to get its fair share.
- Give Birmingham City Council the funding it needs to retrofit its properties to a high energy efficiency standard
- Raise benefits in line with the cost of inflation, and reinstate the £20 uplift to universal credit.

Insert after final bullet point:

Council calls on the Leader to write to the Prime Minister to lobby the government for the above measures to tackle the cost of living crisis.

Council supports and re-affirms the declaration of a cost-of-living emergency declared by the Leader whilst at cabinet on 6th September.

Council believes the Cost-of-Living Crisis and that tackling the Cost of Living Emergency goes hand-in-hand with tackling the Climate Emergency because renewable energy is cleaner and cheaper.

Council also believes that the cheapest energy is energy residents don't have to use.

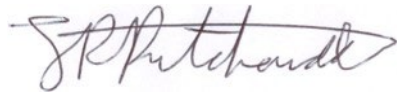
Add at end of second paragraph:

Council also calls on the cabinet to investigate any further financial support it can give to voluntary and faith sector organisations to help them run Warm Banks.

And speed up development of an energy efficiency retrofit programme that covers all BMHT properties. So it is ready to roll it out as soon as funding is available, and to re-double efforts to prioritise and secure funding to make this happen.

Council asks the Cabinet, in consultation with the Section 151 officer, to investigate changing its council tax reduction scheme to reduce the amount residents eligible for the scheme will pay.

PROPOSED BY:



Councillor Julien Pritchard

SECONDED BY:



Councillor Rob Grant

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION 13B

3 to 13B

CITY COUNCIL **Tuesday 11 October 2022**

Add to start

Council welcomes the steps taken by the Government to support people through the cost-of-living crisis including:

- *The Energy Price guarantee that will reduce the unit cost of electricity and gas so that a typical household pays on average £2500 a year for the next 2 years, savings them £1000 a year*
- *A further £400 Energy Bill discount for all households, bringing the typical bill down to £2100 a year*
- *A targeted £650 cost of living payment to all households on means tested benefits*
- *A further £150 disability cost of living payment for individuals on disability benefits*
- *extra one-off £300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment, which will be paid as an automatic top-up to the Winter Fuel Payment.*
- *Cancelling the planned rise in National Insurance Contributions*
- *Bringing forward the reduction in the basic rate of Income Tax to 19%*
- *Introducing a plan for growth to increase jobs, wages, and productivity*

Council notes that despite these measures, the extent of the crisis brought about by global events means that many people will continue to face hardship. Whilst it is impossible to insulate everyone against every eventuality, Council believes that more must be done both nationally and locally to support the most vulnerable and protect jobs.

Council therefore welcomes, and affirms, the declaration of a cost-of-living emergency by the Council Leader, as supported by all political groups at Cabinet.

Delete first bullet

Change second bullet point to read:

Take any other urgent measures necessary to ensure people in Birmingham have adequate income to cover their basic living costs.

After third bullet add new bullets to read:

- *Maintain previous commitment to increase benefits in line with inflation, as supported by various government ministers and increase the personal allowance for income tax in line with inflation*
- *Review marginal rates of tax at different thresholds to remove disincentives to increase pay or hours*
- *Ensure the Birmingham, and the wider west midlands region, can benefit from the plans for growth such as new Investment Zones in areas like Longbridge as called for by Gary Sambrook MP, and support for existing Levelling Up Fund bids, including the ones for Edgbaston, Erdington and Northfield as well as increasing rail capacity through schemes such as extending the Camphill Line to Longbridge*

In final paragraph:

After 'homes' add 'and public buildings', after 'electricity' add 'and heat', and after "solar power" add "and other renewable and decentralised energy solutions, where these can demonstrate efficiency.

Add to end:

Council also calls on the Executive in consultation with the s151 Officer to consider making recommendations to Council to take steps to reduce the costs it imposes on residents itself including a moratorium on any new fees and charges or above inflation increases and bringing forward budget proposals before Christmas, for an immediate council tax rebate for all households to help support families through the winter.

Council further calls on the Executive to support local businesses, through dedicated and coordinated advice and support within the Chief Executive's Delivery Unit and ensure all its suppliers are paid promptly and no later than 30 days.

PROPOSED BY:



Councillor Simon Morrall

SECONDED BY:



Councillor Ewan Mackey

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

4 to 13B

**CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2022**

Add to the Motion:

“Council welcomes the £5m allocated by the executive towards the cost of living emergency but believes this is insufficient when the council has significant reserves and underspends from the Commonwealth Games.”



PROPOSED BY:

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Councillor Izzy Knowles



SECONDED BY:

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Councillor Deborah Harries

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