

**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 Karen Trench and Roger Harmer have given notice of the following motion:-**

“Council notes with alarm the significant increase in fly-tipping in the city in the last two years.

Council believes this is an inevitable result of a series of policy decisions including:

- charging for household bulky waste collections;
- charging for garden waste collections;
- restricting the amount of general waste that can be put out;
- removing community chest from wards, thereby ending many local initiatives.

Council notes that, according to figures supplied to the council July meeting, incidents of fly-tipping increased from 503 reported in August 2013 to 2,718 reported in May 2015; that, similarly, the number of household bulky collections ordered monthly reduced from 5,993 in July 2013 to 1,199 in July 2015.

Council commends the work of environmental health officers and others seeking to tackle these problems.

However it calls for an action plan from the executive to make tackling fly-tipping a city wide priority by:

1. Accelerating the assignation of the proposed community budgets to be assigned to districts, ensuring they have the flexibility to be used for environmental problems;
2. Investigating the cost effectiveness of the household bulky charges and the charges for green waste collection in the light of the social and economic costs of fly-tipping;
3. Reporting back on the outcome of these considerations during this year's budget consultation”

**B Councillors James McKay and Sharon Thompson have given notice of the following motion:-**

“Council notes that:

In July 2015 a Motion to support Birmingham’s designation as a ‘City of Sanctuary’, a grassroots movement to support those fleeing violence and persecution in their country of origin, passed with cross-party support.

Since then, the horrifying images and reports of the refugee crisis have led to calls for Britain, and Birmingham, to do all it can to help.

Council recognises that any effective response to the refugee crisis must be a shared effort between local government, national government, statutory agencies, and wider civil society.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Play a full and active part in efforts, locally and nationally, to provide an effective response to the refugee crisis, including a shared city-wide approach to housing up to fifty Syrian refugees through a nationally-organised and nationally-supported resettlement scheme.”