AMENDMENT TO MOTION

1st to 10A

CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 9 July 2019

3rd para

After "a task and finish working party"

Insert: "through the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee"

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Carl Rice

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Mike Leddy

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION 10B

1 to 10B

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Replace third bullet with:

- Asylum seekers are provided with fully furnished and equipped accommodation with no utility bills or Council Tax to pay and have free access to healthcare and schooling. After this however they have just £5.39 per day per person to live on which may leave them vulnerable to isolation and exploitation.

Delete fourth paragraph onwards and replace with:

- A significant proportion of asylum seekers are waiting for more than six months for an initial decision about their claim for asylum. At a national level there are currently 13,994 cases, 43% of all claims awaiting an initial decision, which is the largest backlog recorded in the UK;
- Across the country, the UK spends between £70 million and £100 million per year housing and supporting asylum seekers, the vast majority of whom simply want a determination on their case so that they can plan for the future and positively contribute to UK society.

'The Council believes that the current asylum system is not working as it should be for asylum seekers, local councils, tax payers or employers and believes that waiting so long for cases to be determined is economically, socially and morally damaging.

However the Council believes that the forthcoming exit from the European Union provides an ideal opportunity to review this system to make it fit for purpose, meeting the UK's international humanitarian obligations whilst ensuring both fairness and security for both asylum seekers and existing communities.

The Council resolves to:

- Call on Government to review national policy and legislation on asylum seekers alongside a wider review of post-Brexit immigration policy, to ensure that decisions over the right to stay and work in the UK are significantly sped up; and
- Use its role in the city to promote education including English language, training, volunteering and pathways into paid employment for asylum seekers and refugees so they are ready once a determination over their status is confirmed.

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PROPOSED BY:

Councillor Ewan Mackey

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SECONDED BY:

Councillor Gareth Moore

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Delete all after first para and insert:

"The council does not shy away from its responsibilities towards the people of Birmingham and to the future of our planet.

It recognises that the council has been hit by unprecedented levels of government cuts since 2010 and that there are further cuts to come, but remains committed to delivering an improved service.

The council has never offered refunds of council tax for service failure, including during the strikes in the bin service in 2011, 2017 and 2019.

However, acknowledging the current problems in the service, the council has commissioned and will deliver an independent report into the future of the service.

To that end, the council will:

- invest in new vehicles to replace an ageing fleet, considering the use of alternative fuels.
- invest in the depots to provide a better, more productive working environment for staff, making the depots fit for the future.
- work closely with the workforce and the unions, utilising their knowledge to drive constant improvements and efficiencies in the system.
- develop a new waste strategy, taking into account the changing nature of recycling, minimising waste generation via public campaigns and

extracting maximum value from household waste - e.g. energy, biofuels and waste re-use.

- enable residents to work together to do more to help keep their own communities clean and tidy."
- provide more timely information to residents on any service failures and what residents should expect when collections are missed.

PROPOSED BY:

Councillor John O'Shea

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Marje Bridle

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION 10C

2 to 10c

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Add the following to the Motion:-

"Council further notes the lack of clear and reliable data on service failures, noting that statistics are compiled based on resident reports and rounds that fail to leave depots, meaning that unfinished rounds are not chronicled accurately.

Council regrets that the promised introduction of IT monitoring in 2014 has proved unable to monitor exactly where waste is collected from.

Council therefore requests that the review of service be asked to advise on how robust data can be collected – and welcomes any measures that show the true extent of citizen discontent or satisfaction with the service.

Council believes this will enable effective monitoring of future providers of the service."

Proposed by Councillor Jon Hunt

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Seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer

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