# CITY COUNCIL 12 JULY, 2022

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

## 1 to 9

#### CITY COUNCIL Tuesday 12 JULY 2022

Add to end of first paragraph

"subject to the following changes:

- Officer procurement delegation to be brought down from £10m to £500k in line with other core cities.
- A new lower threshold of £10,000 for the procurement of management consultancy services will be introduced to enable the council to get consultancy spend back under control.
- Late approval of contracts (e.g. renewal\extension after expiry or procurement that does not allow enough time for a full procurement exercise) to require Cabinet Member approval and a public report.
- Single contract negotiations to require Cabinet Member approval and a public report.
- All exit packages in excess of £100k to require approval of Full Council.

Further this Council notes its concern that the agreed action from Full Council on 13 June 2017 relating to a public officer register of interests has still not been implemented. Council therefore resolves that a register of 'professional' interests of all officers with delegated decision-making powers to be published annually online In accordance with the findings of *John Greenwood and Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council v Information Commissioner* (EA/2011/0131 and EA/2011/0137) (17-2-2012).

PROPOSED BY:

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Councillor Meirion Jenkins

Councillor Simon Morrall

## 1 to 10

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 12 JULY 2022

Add to motion:

Council further resolves that the following two areas be clarified in the next review of the constitution to reflect previous custom and practice:

1/ time in Council meetings for questions: in Section B 4.4, that the rules around the time available for questions be amended to ensure that the full allocation of time, usually 70 minutes, is used for questions to ensure accountability of the executive and other office-holders. This may be done by amendment to clause (v).

2/ the process for making changes to the constitution, found under "Part A Changes to Constitution" and Part A, Annex 1, to ensure that significant changes to the constitution are reported to Full Council and that there is a clear process for gaining all party approval and notifying all councillors of changes when it is deemed that changes do not need approval of Full Council.

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**PROPOSED BY:** 

**Councillor Jon Hunt** 

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**Councillor Roger Harmer** 

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## 1 to 11

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 12 JULY 2022

The following to be added to the Recommendations:

"This Council asks the Executive to consider proposals to increase the capacity of the Scrutiny Team to enable it to carry out one Scrutiny Inquiry per Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Currently capacity is limited to 4 Inquiries (at any one time)."

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**PROPOSED BY:** 

**Councillor Roger Harmer** 

SECONDED BY:

**Councillor Paul Tilsley** 

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## 1 to 13a

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 12 JULY 2022

To Add to Recommendations:

- "Calls on the PCC working with the Chief Constable to review policies and resources to ensure that public transport is as safe as possible.
- To actively work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to introduce more police patrols on the transport network, especially late at night which can be achieved through better utilisation of the Safer Travel team and encouraging Neighbourhood teams, especially PCSO's, to use public transport.
- To add a facility to report crime through the Safer Travel / See Safe system, to reduce the waiting times for reporting crimes via 101 and police Live Chat and ensure all victims of sexual harassment receive a call back, referral to victim support services and ongoing support throughout the investigation."

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**PROPOSED BY:** 

**Councillor Izzy Knowles** 

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SECONDED BY:

**Councillor Colin Green** 

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## **2 to 13**a

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022

Add at end of resolves:

- Investigate the possibility as other councils have done of making free transport home for staff a criteria for new alcohol or late night licenses in Birmingham City Council Licensing Policy.
- Ask the Executive to assess Birmingham City Council's employment policies against Unite's Get Me Home Safety campaign, to see if there is anything further Birmingham City Council could do as an employer to improve employee safety when travelling to and from work, particularly late at night.
- Lobby the West Midlands Mayor and Transport for West Midlands to investigate the introduction of evening supervisors at major bus interchanges in Birmingham to improve passenger safety.
- Lobby the West Midlands Mayor and Transport for West Midlands and bus operators for mandatory training for transport workers on gender-based violence to include practical guidance on reporting sexual harassment and assault on public transport.

**PROPOSED BY:** 

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**Councillor Julien Pritchard** 

**Councillor Rob Grant** 

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## 3 to 13A

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In the second bullet under 'This council notes that', after 'especially women' add:

'and also including the LGBTQ+ community,'

After the second bullet under 'This council notes that' add:

• Drink spiking is an insidious act that increases the vulnerability of those trying to get home safely from a night out. Tackling this issue requires a joined-up response from local authorities, health services, the Police and venues.

After the fifth bullet under 'This council notes that' add:

- The template motion from Unite the Union for their 'Get Home Safely' campaign contained a number of actions for the Council to action itself, and it is concerning that the Administration has chosen to ignore these in favour of focusing only on what others should be doing
- The West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street and his Transport Champions appointed to the Government's Violence Against Women Strategy have made 13 recommendations for the DfT, which are:
  - 1. Better national transport planning guidance on ways to make transport infrastructure safer, along with clear reporting and monitoring for infrastructure damage / issues.
  - 2. Improve on the collection of gender aggregated data.
  - 3. Undertake a national communications initiative into tackling VAWGs, which is promoted nationally across transport networks.
  - 4. Deliver better, effective training across the transport industry to help manage incidents involving VAWGs.
  - 5. Review current safeguarding practices and standardise Disclosure and Barring checks for all front-facing staff across the transport industry.
  - 6. Encourage an increased uptake of women working in transport.
  - 7. Embrace more use of technology to tackle VAWGs.
  - 8. Introduce Gender Responsive Budgets to support the delivery of gender equality infrastructure and policies.

- 9. Create a national intelligence database which captures incident reporting from all transport modes and areas.
- 10. Develop a national education initiative in schools which educates young people on ways they can play a role in preventing VAWGs.
- 11. Target available resources including staffing and deployment of police forces at locations which will have the greatest impact on our transport networks.
- 12. Establish more Safer Travel Partnerships between operators, local authorities and the police.
- 13. Continue to raise awareness and make a strategic impact through the Tackling VAWG strategy.
- The West Midlands Mayor led combined authority also continues to implement a number of initiatives directly, including:
  - TfWM's Safer Travel Partnership launched a campaign in late 2021 to encourage victims of unwanted sexual behaviour on the transport network to report incidents – allowing TfWM to build a more accurate picture of what's happening on the transport network and apprehend those who are behaving unacceptably. 1,600 posters have displayed on all buses / bus infrastructure and at transport hubs across the region – as well as schools/colleges/universities/football stadia. Passengers can report to WMP via a QR code on the posters and opening the Live Chat on the force's website. Safety advice and links to report have also been included on the Swift app, and Project Empower has been subject to a widespread social media campaign.
  - 'Trauma Training' for transport staff working on buses and in stations has been developed, to help raise awareness of women's safety and ensure they spot the signs of sexual offences / safeguard victims. Such training is also incorporated into driver inductions and the National Express Master Driver scheme, and through the Rail Delivery Group for rail staff.
  - Safer Travel Education Officers (who form part of the wider Safer Travel Team) deliver talks to schools, colleges, universities.
    Assemblies & workshops are delivered across the region, involving discussing different types of unwanted sexual behaviour, myth-busting some of the reasons why people may not want to report, and real-life victim stories. The programme has already been delivered to over 4,500 students and is in high demand. Awareness of the campaign also takes place across the region's 'Fresher's Weeks'.
  - Focus groups for young people and a range of charities have taken place to gain a proper understanding of victims' thoughts and experiences of safety. Partnership working has also taken place with large employees and their shift workers including Amazon, the NHS and Colmore BID.
  - Wider work includes the production of a 'prompt card' for passengers, which provides details of how to report an incident and other relevant

support/advice. WMCA are also placing additional cameras in vulnerable bus shelters ensuring the police deal robustly with incidents/crimes caught on camera. The Safer Travel partnership also share information with National Express to help prevent serial offenders getting on the bus in the first place.

Replace the fifth bullet under 'This council believes that' with

'In 2021 The Government launched the Safety of Women at Night Fund specifically to "build on the efforts already underway through the £25m third round of Safer Streets Funding" (source: <u>www.gov.uk</u>). Whilst individual grants were limited to only £300,000, the total fund was £5m. Additional funding is also available through the Safer Streets Fund, now on its fourth round, which Birmingham and the West Midlands have already been successful in bidding into. £70m has already been invested nationally, with £50m committed in every year of the 3-year spending review'

In the second bullet under 'The Council resolves to:' add to end:

'Council welcomes the fact that the West Midlands Mayor has already supported the campaign opposing reductions and written to Government jointly with the Leader of the Council and other West Midlands leaders.'

Delete final bullet point and replace with:

• Support the work of the WMCA appointed Transport Champions on the Government's Violence Again Women Strategy and the 13 recommendations of the West Midlands Mayor to Department for Transport and support the Mayor's lobbying for these to be implemented.

Add to end:

- Instruct the Executive to review use of traffic related Fixed Penalty Notices and other ring-fenced income to ensure that projects to improve public transport safety are prioritised over, for example, cosmetic improvements to the city centre public realm
- Undertake a review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy to include provisions around safe travel home plans for night shift workers and plans to tackle spiking within their establishments, including sufficient security and staff trained to identify incidents. This should include exploring best practice from the industry, where some establishments already go above current requirements.

- Establish a task and finish group to establish what other powers and resources the council has and how these can be best deployed towards improving public safety
- Continue to make representations to bring forward national minimum standards for taxis and private hire operators and to work regionally to improve standards across the metropolitan area.
- Call on the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure he is committing sufficient available resources to tackling issues raised
- Instruct the Executive to bring forward proposals for additional night-time security in local centres
- Welcome action already taken by the West Midlands Combined Authority, including plans to introduce more safety officers and a streamlined fare structure as part of an £88m package to transform bus services over the next 3 years

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PROPOSED BY:

**Councillor Alex Yip** 

**Councillor Gareth Moore** 

## 1<sup>st</sup> to 13b

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022

After "damage to parks and footways." Add:

This Council welcomes that the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety, and Equalities has asked the Community Safety Partnership to investigate this issue as a priority.

First bullet point

Delete "Introduce" and insert: Consult on the introduction of

Second bullet point

Delete "Implement" and insert: Investigate the feasibility of

Delete full stop after "noise" and insert: building on the pilot site for which the council has recently applied for central government funding.

Third bullet point

Delete "Assesses" and insert: Consider

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#### **Councillor Liz Clements**

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**Councillor John Cotton** 

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## 2 to 13b

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 12 JULY 2022

To Add to Motion:

- 1) In the first paragraph insert after "quad bikes" "and illegally modified motor vehicles".
- 2) Add to the first bullet point "and illegally modified motor vehicles (including the removal of front number plates)".
- 3) In the second bullet point replace "cars" with "motor vehicles".
- 4) In the fourth bullet point add Work "together" with the Police and Crime Commissioner "and other agencies".
- 5) Add a fifth bullet point "Accelerate the delivery of average speed cameras in further locations to help reduce speeding and other forms of anti-social driving."

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**PROPOSED BY:** 

**Councillor Roger Harmer** 

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## 3 to 13b

#### CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022

Add at end of bullet point three:

 Whilst also ensuring that new defensive measures do not impede access for wheelchair users, prams and pedal bikes where appropriate, including investigation of new defensive designs that allow access for legitimate users.

Add at end:

- Work with the police and crime commissioner to assess how the police can better work with communities to tackle nuisance and illegal motorbike use.
- Work with the police and crime commissioner to investigate how to improve cross-border police working to help tackle the issue of off-road bikes in areas around the Birmingham border, such as Walker's Heath Park.

**PROPOSED BY:** 

**Councillor Rob Grant** 

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