

Birmingham City Council

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Subject: Motions for Debate from Individual Members
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1 Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules (section B4.4 G of the Constitution).

2 Notices of Motion

A. Councillors Mariam Khan and Mary Locke have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

"This Council notes that:

Since 2010, the average pay of an NHS nurse has fallen in real terms by 8%, this equates to a reduction of more than £3,000 and NHS hospital doctors have had a real term pay cut of 7% in the same period.

The Royal College of Nursing says that some experienced nursing roles have had real term wage cuts of as much as 20% since 2010, effectively meaning that they are working one day per week for no money.

Last year, UNISON warned that the NHS risks losing thousands of low-paid staff including 999 call handlers, health care assistants, medical secretaries and

cleaners as major names on the high street including supermarkets, coffee shops and logistics firms pay more than the NHS.

NHS waiting list stands at a record 7 million patients, which the Chairman of the British Medical Association has described as a national scandal.

Birmingham's health and social care system is under significant pressure and short-term funding settlements do nothing to resolve long-term capacity issues.

This Council resolves to:

Lobby the Government to reach agreement with unions to ensure that NHS staff and health and social care staff are paid fairly.

Write to Government to call for a long-term sustainable funding solution for social care, moving away from emergency one-off injections of funding. This funding increase would give carers a decent wage rise and better pay conditions.

Write to the Government urging them to deliver on a workforce plan for the NHS and social care, helping to reduce the 130,000 staff vacancies that exist in the health service and tackle the 14% vacancy rate within social care".

B. Councillors Gareth Moore and Ken Wood have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

"This Council believe that Anti-social behaviour has an adverse, and sometimes devastating impact on the quality of life for many residents in Birmingham. Council also recognises that for many of these, their experience of trying to resolve these issues can be extremely frustrating with confusing lines of responsibility between (and even within) different organisations, including the council, police and landlords.

Council recognises the hard work of front-line police and council ASB officers but believes more needs to be done to equip them with the tools and resources to respond to resident concerns and to ensure that at a strategic and operational level work is joined up and effective.

Council further believes that the removal of the Concierge service has increased concerns about ASB within council tower blocks. Whilst the statutory building safety manager role within the Building Safety Act will pick up many of these duties in buildings over 6 stories, the council believes a wider service is needed across the council estate.

This Council also believes that Public Space Protection Orders are an effective way of dealing with anti-social behaviour in hotspot areas

The Council therefore resolves to ask the Executive to

- Take steps to ensure residents are aware of their statutory right to request a 'Community Trigger' where issues cannot be resolved, which requires agencies working together to find solutions
- Reinstate the concierge service on council estates
- Support the implementation of public space protection orders where these are wanted by the police, local businesses and residents
- Use ASB data as an additional criteria in the selection of wards for selective licensing, to see if the scheme can be expanded to other wards.

Council further calls on Government to

- Ensure adequate funding for both councils and the police to tackle ASB
- Give more powers to councils to tackle ASB".