

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4 (i)

A. Councillors Jon Hunt and Baber Baz have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council is alarmed at the growing evidence of the impact of disposable plastic items on the world’s oceans, fish supplies and the litter on the streets and in the hedgerows of Birmingham.

Council notes and welcomes the success of plastic bag charging policies introduced by national governments. It calls for action at a city level so Birmingham makes a significant contribution to reducing disposal of plastics and cleaning up the environment.

Council calls on the Executive to:

1. develop a robust strategy to make Birmingham City Council a ‘single-use-plastic-free’ Authority by the end of 2019 and encourage the city’s institutions, businesses and citizens to adopt similar measures;
2. end the sale and provision of disposable plastic products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in Council buildings;
3. encourage market traders to sell re-usable containers and invite customers to bring their own, with the aim of phasing out single-use plastic containers and cutlery on market stalls by the end of 2019;
4. investigate the possibility of requiring pop-up food and drink vendors at large Council events to avoid disposable plastic items as a condition of their contract;
5. promote refill schemes, in which retail businesses agree to free water refills, pointing them to the apps that are available to signpost customers to refill points;
6. investigate the use of free water fountains in reception areas and elsewhere;
7. further investigate having locally branded water containers for sale;
8. work with tenants in commercial properties owned by Birmingham City Council to encourage the phasing out of disposable plastic cups, bottles, cutlery and straws;
9. ensure the 2022 Commonwealth Games is free of single use plastic items.

Council further proposes a report be brought to the relevant Scrutiny Committee setting out the financial costs of adopting a strategy of this kind."

B. Councillors Paulette Hamilton and Shabrana Hussain have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

"The council notes that in August 2018 Birmingham was named the UK's first ever Donor City - a city dedicated to increasing the number of citizens signed-up to the NHS Organ Donor Register.

The council further notes that just 21 per cent of Birmingham residents have signed up to the Organ Donor Register and acknowledges the urgent need to improve on that record. Registration rates are even lower for BAME communities across the city, reflecting a similar shortfall across the UK.

One in five people who died on the Transplant Waiting List last year were from a black, Asian or ethnic minority background.

Consequently, more donors from black, Asian and minority ethnic groups are urgently needed to address an increase in patients from the same communities dying whilst waiting for an organ transplant.

Organ donation is the only hope for many desperately ill people and citizens from all communities must be encouraged to discuss donation.

- Around 6,000 people across the UK are currently waiting for an organ transplant.
- Only around 6,000 people each year die in circumstances where they can donate their organs.
- Three people a day die in need of a transplant due to a shortage of people being willing to donate organs.

The council resolves to:

- Work with partners to increase awareness of this vital issue across Birmingham.
- Work with communities throughout the city to encourage people to join the NHS Organ Donor Register.
- Encourage people to share their donation decision with their family and friends.
- Lead by example by encouraging staff and members to have the conversation about organ donation and to register."

C. Councillors Simon Morrall and Adrian Delaney have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council believes that any charge on private vehicles entering the City Centre will damage residents and businesses, hurting most those least able to afford it, and agrees with the assessment of Khalid Mahmood MP, who called the proposals ‘amateurish and deceitful.’

The Council further believes that whilst clean air is an absolute priority for the city there are more effective and less punitive ways of achieving the improvements needed than a charging zone for private vehicles inside the ring road which simply pushes problems to the ring-road itself and the surrounding areas and suburbs. This includes improved green infrastructure, urban consolidation centres and the expansion of a more reliable and safe rapid transport system, including parks and rides.

The Council therefore calls on the Executive to:

- Amend its proposals for a Clean Air Zone ahead of the deadline for submission to the Government so as to exclude private vehicles
- Lobby Government to support wider measures to improve air quality without penalising road users, including investment in green infrastructure and public transport.”